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# Mrs Gandhi loses her seat in Congress disaster

frs Gandhi, the Indian Prime was defeated by 55,000 iency as election results were ounted early today, and her Conress Party suffered serious losses,

particularly in the north. The opposition won all the Delhi seats. Mrs Gandhi's son, Sanjay, failed in his first attempt to gain election to Parliament and several ministers lost their parliamentary seats.

### Sanjay is also defeated

VE N Apple on Richard Wigg elhi, March 20.

Mrs Indira Gandhi, che Prime rister, suffered a stunning feat in her home constituency the opposition Janata Party peared to be heading for vic-ry in the Indian general elecins early today.

the lost her sear in Rae treli shortly after her younger a Sanjay was heavily defeated the neighbouring constitu-

Mrs Gandbi lost by 55,000 tes to Mr Rej Nerain whom e defeated by 110,000 in 71 when her party won a ndslide two-thirds majority.

r Narain was held for 20 ouths as a political prisoner ther the 1975 state of emer-

Mr Sanjay Gandhi, whose nergence as a close adviser his mother had become an portant campaign issue, was feated by 76,000 votes in his st antempt to gain election to Early today the Januta Party

Mr D. K. Boroosh, the Con-Mr D. K. Boroom, the Con-ress Party chairman who him-cle appears to be winning in in Assam constituency, went to the Prime Minister's resi-lence with one of the party eneral secretaries as soon as the arrived in Delhi just before midnight.

With results declared for 200 ents in 542-member Parliament, anata which fought the elec-ion on a "democracy verus licratorship" platform, had aptured 100 seats against 75 for

he Congress Party.
The breakeway Congress for Democracy had one seet. The remainder went to independent, remainder went to independent, communist and regional groups.

Several of Mrs Gandhi's ministers were defeated. The lefeat of Mr Bansi Lal, the lefeat of Mr Bansi Lal, the lefeate Minister, who lost by 30,000 wotes in Harvara, towed the strength of feeling in northern India against the nergency which Mrs Gandhi sposed in June 1975.

Mr Lal was one of her chief lyisers on the emergency and

lvisers on the emergency and linked in friendship with Mr enjay Gandhi, who had coun-lied his mother not to spend the emergency. Thousands of delighted oppo-

ion supporters took to the eets of Delhi last night on aring that the Janata cople's) Party had swept all ren constituencies in the city. ngress won them all in the

As cars carrying the green d orange Janara flag went ough the streets, people in erowd kept on asking what d happened to Mrs Gandhi



Face of victory : Mr Jagjivan Ram, former Cabinet colleague of Mrs Gandhi who is now an opposition leader, photographed as results were coming in last night.

of Communications and former Congress Party chairman, con-ceded defeat to his Janata Party rival in Madhya Pradesh. His opponent commented: "I am glad the people voted without

So far as a trend con be sensed at the moment, the opposition appears to have benefited most in the north where the impact of the emer-gency declared in June, 1975, was felt with full force. Congress, however, was not obtaining as much support as expec-ted in the south.

Janata and the other main opposition grouping, the break-away Congress for Democracy, have meanwhile begun talks on how to proceed if victory is

A Congress Party spokesman immediately warned people taking part in the last round of voting that the opposition groups would succumb to a bitter power struggle if they won. He emphasized yet again back Congress.

Janata has indicated that Mr Morarji Desai, the former Con-gress leader who broke with Mrs Gandhi in 1969, will be its candidate for the post of Prime

Mr Jagjivan Ram, the Con-gress for Democracy leader and former Minister of Agriculture, might well play the pivotal role later this week because of his links with the Congress Party-He proved extremely coy when journalists asked him on Saturday whether he would be prepared to form a govern-ment "as Prime Minister if the d her son. combined opposition parties br S. D. Sharma, the Minister wanted it that way". What he

zed their rights and acknow-ledged the PLO as their sole

Another point in the pro-gramme called for an increase

in guerrilla operations in Israel-occupied Arab territories and rejected what it described as United States "sell-out

It also underlined the PLO's

determination to foil attempts to settle the crisis at the expense of the Palestinians.

The programme said the Palestine National Charter was still the basis of Palestinian strategy. The charter was adopted in 1964. It stipulated that there should be no peace and no negotiations with Israel.

This led Israel to describe

The programme also affirmed

the importance of national unity politically and militarily

between all groups of the

solutions."

wants, apparently, is to be able to move in any direction de-pending on the election results. Mr Ram pointedly said that his group was setting no dead-lines for joining its ranks. The opposition is committed to an immediate end to the

emergency and the release of all political detainees. Furthermore it has said that if it gets a sufficient majority, it will repeal the amendments made to the constitution in November power.

At the beginning of what could be an intense week of political manoeurring increasing attention is being paid to the precise conditions under which Mr Jatti, the acting president, will decide whom to call upon to form the next

government.

If Mrs Gandin obtains sufficient Congress members back in the parliament she could claim to be entitled to the call as the leader of the biggest opposition opposition is really only an electorial alliance.

The opposition argues, however, that if Congress falls to obtain an absolute majority the acting President will be obliged to respect the people's verdict and call on the leader of an opposition party or group-ing which could command a majority in the new House.
For the first time Congress.
has protested against "unfair voting practices" allegedly favouring the opt Lion in Uttar Pradesh and Billar states. Mr Charan Singh, the deputy leader of Janata, is the chief of the accusations of

### **Economists** call for £3,000m tax reliefs

By David Clake Economics Correspondent

A call to the Chancellor to reflate the economy with tax cuts of some 23,000m comes today from leading economists

in Cambridge.

In its latest Review, the Cambridge Economic Policy Group says the Budget ought to contain net tax cuts of some £2,000m "over and above" .51,000m of extra tax allowances necessary to take account of inflation.

The authors of the Review, The authors of the Review, who include Mr Wynne Godley, Director of Cambridge University's Department of Applied Economics, and Mr Francis Cripps, economic adviser to Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, give warning that import controls will have to be introduced in coming years if the United Kingdom is to have any chance of bringing to have any chance of bringing down unemployment without an unacceptable depreciation of

the pound.

They say that if what they call "conventional policies" are pursued, unemployment could rise steadily to about two million by 1985. In order to bring it down, they argue, the economy will have to grow ar around 5 per cent a year for the left of the season.

next 10 years.
The Review sets its face firmly against the idea that a rise in unamployment is inevi-table or necessary to bring down inflation—or of only secondary

inflation—or of only secondary importance.

As well as the problems experienced by those who cannot find work, the country's rest national income is estimated to be 10 per cent lower than it would have been if unemployment had been kept to 750,000.

The recession is stated to have

The recession is stated to have made inflation worse rather than better by cutting the amount of real income available without reducing claims to the same extent. In a thorough-going attack on monetarist views of inflation, the authors claim there is no evidence that inflation was caused by excessive growth in the money supply, or that the rapid growth in

growth in the money supply, or that the rapid growth in money supply in 1972 to 1974 was caused by excessive public sector deficits.

They believe that deficits have not been too large in the recent past, considering the depth of recession, and are particularly critical of critics—including The Times—who argued for bigger cuts in government spending than were carried out.

Looking forward for the next five or 10 years, the authors give warning that british industry has been so weakened by years of stagnation and low investment that by the closing years of this decade supply constraints would begin to appear if there were movement towards enything like full

employment.
These would result in such an increase in imports that the balance of payments would be endangered even with the beneficial effects of North Sea oil. The only way to get fast growth and a return to full employment was by introducing import controls. These would have limited impact in the next few years, but would become progressively more valuable as time went by They would need to be extended to a growing proportion of all imports to be effective.

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### Government considers deals with Liberals and Unionists as means to avoid election

By David Leigh Political Staff

A sombre and fatalistic mood was settling over Labour Cabinet ministers and backbenchers, last night as Mr Callaghan stayed at Chequers trying to work out whether a deal with either the Liberals or the Ulster Unionists could save the Government on Wednesday's confidence motion

Mr Steel, the Liberal leader, yesterday demanded sin open and public agreement. as the price of support in the lobbies. Although Liberals hope to see Labour backbeachers put pressure on the Government to avoid a general election, the feeling among some ministers is that the Liberals may have over-played their hand.

Labour left-wingers were saying that a specific agreement to govern on the Liberals' terms is intolerable. A weekend of startled manoeuvring went on among all parties after what. Cabinet ministers now admit was a grievous error of parliamentary tactics last week in avoiding a vote on public expenditure.

The Liberals, the Ulstermen, and not least the Conservatives, have ended up facing a "moment of truth", in Mr Callaghan's phrase, almost by accident Last week's vote has provoked the opposition parties into demonstrating that they are prepared to challenge the Government; Labour MPs were saying bitterly over the weekend that a general election is now entirely probable.

The royal tour of Australia The visits to Western effectively ensured; they also will not be cut short if an Australia, the Northern Ter- want concessions in four main will not be cut short if an Australia, the Northern Terelection is called in Britain, Mr Ronald Allison, the Quecu's press secretary, said planned. The tour is yesterday (Reuter reports). last until March 31.

a close associate of Mr Cal-laghan, said on BBC radio yesterday that it was up to Mr Steel to decide whether there would be a general election. If there was, "so be it". Eventfacts of the political situation. ually a government had to stand up and be counted.

Mr Rees pointed to the erosion of Labour's parliamentary position with by-elections pending and the illness of some MPs. Mr Thomas Litterick has suffered a heart-attack and is unlikely to be ableattack and is unlikely to be able-to vote. Other Labour MPs may have to be brought to the House by ambulance. The arithmetic did not look good for Wednesday's vote he said. If the vote is lost an election will follow, although at

Mr Molyneaux, parliamentary leader of the United Ulster Unionist Coalidon, intends to see the Prime Minister and Mrs least one Cabinet minister was arguing at the weekend that the Queen might send for Mrs Thatcher to form a government before an election; she could then go to the country as Prime Technically, the Government could hang on and force Mrs Thatcher, to table another motion for an immediate elec-

tion, but it would cause controversy.

ritory and Papua New Guinea would go ahead as planned. The tour is due to

The Government did not have a parliamentary majority, but it had enacted the greater part of its manifesto. The important things that remained to be done, such as negotiating a third phase of pay policy, did not necessarily require legislation.

On the matter of the Ulster Unionists, with whom some leftwingers would be prepared to see an accommodation, as the less dangerous of the two options, Mr Rees agreed that Northern Ireland was underrepresented at Westminster, and said that although a return to Stormont was not possible, "we want to see a devolved administration in Northern Ireland".

Thatcher today. But, despite Mr Enoch Powell's well-known wish to support the Lzbour Government, and the mistrust felt by other Unionists towards the Tories, who deprived them of Stormont, most of them seem little disposed to support the Government

Mr Rees said the issue was and the only a halt to specifically social-Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, Liberals looking at the hard is legislation, which the purlia-

areas. Those are for a resurrected devolution Bill, with proportional representation; elec-tions in to the European parlia-ment; progress on industrial

democracy; and tax reforms, Mr John Pardos, the party's economic spokesman, said on EEC radio vesterday that a major shift from income tax to a greatly increased employers national insurance contribution could halve income tax in two

Air Reg Prentice, the former Labour Cabinet minister, has come out alongside the Liberals in his quest for a realignment towards the centre in British politics. His threat is more likely to be of abstention than of voting with the Tories.

If the Liberals precipitate an alexion and approximate an alexion and a second of the control of

election, not only do some of their MPs, such as Mr Russell Johnston, face defeat, but the prospect is of Mrs Thatcher coming to power with a big majority and the Liberals hav-ing no influence whatsocver. That argument is all Labour ministers can count ou; they hope that "political reality" will lead Liberals not to ask

for too much, because it simply is not politically available.

The Unionists, though truculent, could get an offer in the next few days. But it may not all the properties of deliver enough votes. Without Mr Prentice, the two Scottish Labour Party MPs, and Mr Litterick, the Government is at

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### Curb on socialism among Mr Steel's terms

By David Wood Political Editor

Government's hope of defeating Mrs.
Thatcher's "no confidence"
motion in the Commons on
Wednesday night end staving off a general election was provisionally dashed yesterday by Mr Steel, the Liberal Party leader, when he set out his terms for a deal with Mr Calla-

Mr Steel said he had consulted his 12 Liberal colleagues

at the Commons during the past 24 hours and "our view is that we shall vote against the Government." But further talks are to take place behind the scenes at Westminster today and tomorrow.

Mr Steel based the disposal of the Liberal Party's vote on the national interest when he appeared on the Independent Television programme Week-end World yesterday. What, in the Government's present pro-gramme, Peter Jay asked, did not satisfy that interest?

Mr Steel replied that until now the Government had been operating on the basis of the Labour manifestos of 1974, not the basis of the national interest. They could do that quite justifiably only on the basis of a Commons majority, which clearly they did not now have.

To ensure Liberal support on Wednesday night, the Government "would have to accept that they are not the party that has control over the House of Commons and begin

expansion of socialism; we cannot go on extending confidence to a government unless

What remained of Labour manifesto policies of 1974 that Liberals found offensive? Mr Steel answered that there was still the Queen's Speech courmitment to a Bill on direct labour (siready delayed by the Government); and he believed Continued on page 2, col 4

### Tories criticize Annan plan for new broadcasting authority

By a Staff Reporter
The main proposal of the Annan report on the future of broadcasting, that the hegemony of the BBC and IBA be broken by the setting up of an Open Broadcasting Authority to run a fourth television channel, was criticized yesterday by the Conservative Party's media committee. It called the report

The authority would buy and ready-made programmes, but would not pro-duce them-as the BBC and the independent companies do on the other three channels. It would, however, run its own news service. It would not be allowed to show feature films. It would be financed partly by advertising revenue, with advertisements appearing in 20-minute blocks, as is the prac-tice in West Germany, and partly by education grants and by direct sponsorship by indus-

Mr Julian Critchley, MP for

Aldersbot and the Conserva-tive committee's chairman, said political broadcasts on all that the proposed authority channels should not be obligathat the proposed authority would offer the public minority broadcasting, which they would not watch but which they would

lhese are mur a inquiry board he set up for broadcasting and that a separate authority be established to run the EBC's and IBA's local radio stations.

The broad outlines of the re-port were published on Sunday in The Observer and other Sunday newspapers. It is not due to be published officially until Thursday. The Government, the EBC the IBA, and the indepenbroadcasting companies declined to comment yesterday. Among its lesser proposals, the report suggests that there should be no advertisements during children's programmes; that Radio Times and TV Times

be merged; that the simul-

tory except during general election campeigns; that there not watch but which they would should be a fourth television have to pay for.

He was also critical of two other proposals in the report.

Therefore the would be a fourth television channel in Wales which would use the Welsh language; that newspapers' financial interest be limited; and that the practice of dubbing audience reaction into recorded television material

should be abandoned

A minority group within the Annau committee, led by Mr Phillip Whitehead, Labour MP for Derby North, recommends that BBC television and radio should be run under separate boards. The main report, however, proposes that the BBC's control of television and national radio should be left intact.

Our Arts Reporter writes: The BBC is unlikely to be hostile to



Mr Houseman: Died with wife in road accident.

### Former Chelsea player killed

Mr Peter Houseman, the Oxford United and former Chelsea footballer, died with his wife, Sally, and two other people in a three-car accident BBC is unlikely to be hostile to the report, with the exception of the recommendation to remove its control of local radio.

BBC is unlikely to be hostile to near Oxford early resterday. Four others were badly injured. Mr Houseman had played for move its control of local radio.

### Palestinians agree on a olitical programme The programme called for making the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3236 of 1974 the basis of efforts to realize Palestinian rights. This resolution recogni-

uro, March 20 -

Delegates of the Palestine tional Council today agreed a political programme which lled for the establishment of Palestinian state and at the me time continuation of the uggle against Israel. The programme was reached

ter extensive bargaining be-een moderates, led by Mr issir Arafat, head of the Pale-ne Liberation Organization LO), and members of the Re-tion Frent under the leaderp of the Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine

The Rejection Front refuses peace negotiations with ael. It wants the disappear ce of the Jewish state and its lacement by a secular Pales ian stare in all of the former estine to embrace Muslims, ristians and Jews.

Suran he programme, a comproproduction and soft the PLO as a terrorist organization seeking its destruction and the United States also refused to agree to any PLO delegat n t conference, or any other going to Geneva as an inde-um, but not on the basis of pendent party unless the char-United Nations Resolution ter was changed. United of 1967.

he 15-point programme hasized that the Palestinian blem is the root of the Palestinian revolution within the framework of the PLO as a basic condition for victory. idle East crisis and said colunion estinian rights.

### Strike will close **Ir Peter Sellers**

hospital in Charing Cross Hospital, idon, last night after collaps-on an Air France flight from e to Heathrow. lis wife said he was under ervation and his condition

satisfactory. doctor on the aircraft gave stance to Mr Sellers, who with his wife, and the capasked for an ambulance e waiting on the aprou. He emergency treatment

### most docks today Most of Britain's big ports

are expected to be at a standstill today because of a one day strike by dockers in protest at the threatened closure of Preston docks. Dockers in London and Aberdeen are likely

There will be no work at Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester, Hull, Grimsby, Immingham, Bristol or Southampton. About 50 ships will be idle in Humber

### High turn-out lifts right-wing hope in French ballot

A good turn-out by French voters in the second round of the municipal elections suggested that the government parties had succeeded in getting their supporters to the polls to block further advances by the the posts to block further anymous by the left. At midday votes cast were running. 2 per cent higher than in the first ballot. This, was also true of Paris where M Jacques Chirot, the Gaussist leader, had high hopes of being elected Mayor.

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### Party list system likely for Europe

The White Paper on direct elections to Europe is likely to be published next week, and may propose use of the regional party list system. As a once-for-all operaparty his system. As a outcome, of the tion that would ensure more equal representation between the parties and help to counter Conservative domination of the European delegation in a bad year for Labour Page 4

### Treasury likely to remain one unit

The Prime Minister is unlikely to split the Treasury into two departments while Mr Healey remains Chancelor. Mr Healey is not an advocate of division and the burden of the Treasury has been eased by the promotion to the Cabinet of Mr Barnett, Treasury Chief Secretary Page 5

### Exam results doubts

Figures suggesting that comprehensive school pupils are not doing as well in examinations as grammar and secondary modern children should be treated with the "utmost caution". Dame Margaret Miles, chairman of the Campaign for Comprehensive Education, said. Page 2

### Lyle beats Bugner

Joe Bugner, of Britain, suffered a severe blow to his hopes of another fight with Muhammad Ali when he was beaten on points by Ron Lyle, of the United States, over 12 rounds in Las Vegas last night Boxing, page 10



Face from the past: It was a terse message which protesters against the barassment of Jews in the Societ Union transmitted to passers by outside the Soviet Embassy in London vester day. The Gemonstrators were members of the Herut Movement, a monist revisionist organization, and the National Council for Soviet Jewry "Threat to peace", page 8 Curfew in Pakistan

### After a weekend of violence in which 35 people were killed, two industrial areas of Karachi have been put under curfew.

The riots come after Mr Bhutto's disputed victory in Pakistan's general elections field earlier this mouth

### Castro Tanzania visit

Dr Fidel Castro, the Cuban leader, inspected Cuba's aid programme to Tanzania. He told Tanzanian national servicemen and Suban technicians at a Cuban-aided agricultural school: "We would like to help you more but we cannot because our resources are pre-occupied in Angola" ---- Page 7

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### 300 hurt in violent nuclear protest

More than 300 people were injured when a West German protest by a crowd of 12,000 turned into a violent clash with police. A militant group, wearing belinets, sygles and armed with sticks and iron bars, attacked the guarded perimeter fence with wire cutters, grappling hooks and oxy-acetylene equipment. Page 6

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### HOME NEWS.

### Ulster Unionists want devolved assembly as a condition of support in confidence vote

ing last night that the Govern-ment will be able to count reliably on the vote of only one MP from Northern Ireland Wednesday's confidence debate in the Commons.

debate in the Commons.

In spite of a continued silence from Mr Enoch Powell and Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the "loyalist" coalition at Westminster, it was believed that short of an unprecedented about-turn by the Government on the issue of power-sharing, all 10 Ulster Unionists (including the two independents) would vote with the Conservatives.

porter from Ulster. But even have dependent on the Government on the Government not concluding any last minute political deals with his lovalist opponents.

Both publicly and privately the Unionists have made clear that the minimum requirement for a change of beart will be a public piedge by the Government to introduced.

There was also considerable local speculation that the clusive Mr Frank Maguire, the independent republican from Fermanagh and South Tyrone, would abstain because of the lack of progress in his one-

it still planned to legislate to

nationalize water companies.

More important, there were things waiting in the wings that were not in the Govern-

ment's programme, like nationalizing banking and in-

with the Liberals would guarantee that none of that

would go forward. It was not known to Liberals what the Government's proposite were

going to be on housing finance, an important issue on which the Liberals had strong

riews, because a great deal of encouragement could be given to home ownership, and "we do not know that is the Gov-

eroment view".

Mr Steel said that was why

be was not prepared to ask his

Government agreement

From Christopher Walker

Belfast

After two days of hectic political activity behind the scenes, opinion was strengthen at a remote heliday retreat in a nething short of a return to the Donegal mountains.

That would leave Mr Gerard Fitt, leader of the mainly Roman Catholic Social Petro-cratic and Labour Perty, 45 the Government's one certain sup-porter from Ulster. But even he was indented that his tote

duce a Scottish-type devoired assembly in Northern Ireland. That would rule our any possibility of institutionatized power-sharing with the minority and open the way for a return of majority govern-

ment at Stormont

present unsatisfactory Bill in the Commons, and there were many points where critics of

the Bill and those who would like devokation to go forward

But the overlapping powers of the Secretary of State for Scotland and the new Scottish

Assembly were widely agreed

Moreover the constitutional

commission recommended that the assemblies should be

elected by proportional repre-sentation and "the Government have remained quite adamant

and said they were sticking to what the Labour Party wants. If they want our support this is one of the things on which

they would have to give way."

to be unsatisfactory.

Liberal offer 'the same as made to Mr Heath

the same standards of democ-

racy as exist in Westminster or are proposed for the assembly He emphasized that the loyalists would also be expecting some concrete assurances from the Conservative Party to ensure their voting support on

assembly for Northern Ireland along the lines of the rejected Convention report will be made at Westminster today when Mr Molyucaux is scheduled to meet the Prime Minister and other members of the Govern-

Other matters to be requested by the Unionists will include guarantees about in-creased representation at West-minster, tougher local security measures against the IRA and renewed high levels of econo-

would be traded off against a bigger national insurance im-

bave to go ahead and force a general election at an unfavourable time for the

Liberal Party.
Mr Steel rejected that analysis. He did not accept that

conditions were unfavourable for the Liberals on the evi-

dence of recept opinion polls, compared with 1974. "But even if I accepted your

the basis of roting in Parlia-ment in accordance with our

electoral interests. We have to vote in the national interest of

Mr Steel dismissed the argument that Liberals are a minority party by making the point that all Westminston

parties are now minority parties, and "it is going to have to be a government based

on the views of more than one party; we are making exactly the same offer that we made

the same offer that we made to Mr Heath in the aftermath of the February, 1974, else-

On the Unionist side the On the Unionist side the main uncertainty concerns the attitude of Mr Fowell, one of only three loyalists who have not yet declared publicly their determination to bring down the Government. But it was acknowledged in Belfast political circles that a refusal to yote with his colleagues could lose him the important UUUC endorsement in his Down, South, seat at any forthcoming South, sear at any forthcoming

Of the two independent Unionists, Mr James Kilfedder, MP for Down, North, has long been outspoken in his criticism of the Government and his determination to vote against it because of its security policies. Yesterday he dismissed Mr Molyneaux's planned talks with the Prime Minister as a

with the Prime Minister as a waste of time.

Mr William Craig, leader of the Vauguard Party and MP for Belfast, East, is also committed by a party decision taken six weeks ago to do all in his power to bring down the Government, mainly because of its refusal to take new political initiatives in Ulster.

### All-in exam figures need utmost caution'

By Tim Devlin Education Correspondent

Dame Margaret Miles, chairman of the Campaign for Comprehensive Education, said yeterday that figures published in The Sunday Times which suggested that comprehensive school pupils were not doing at well in examinations as grammar and secondary modern children should be treated with "the utmost caution".

They did not allow for the fact that the remaining selective schools tended to be in the more prosperous suburban and country areas like Buckinghamshire and Surrey. It was very difficult to find a similar social make up to compare the two systems. Nor did the figures give enough time-span for comprehensive schools to recover from the uncertainties of reorganization.

recover from the uncertainties of reorganization.

The debate over comprehensive and grafinnar schools in likely to be further fanned tonight by a television documentary in BBC1's Penoruma programme showing the difficulties of teaching in an outer London comprehensive school

London comprehensive school.

The Sunday Times quoted an article by Mr Raymond Baldwin, chairman of the governors of Manchester Grammar School, which is due to be published in a year block prener as lished in a new black paper on education on Thursday. Mr Baldwin cites Department of Education and Science statistics to show that the proper tion of school-leavers with five O levels and one or more A levels fell between 1971 and

He says that the high in crease of the number passing at least one CSE or O level between 1966 and 1974 is a direct result of the introduc-

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version would be that Mr Thorpe could not carry his col-leagues with him), but there bigger national insurance impost on employers, who would benefit consequentially from a was not a parliamentary lowering of wage demands.

Peter Jay suggested that if the Government did not meet bring an election to bring down Mr Callaghan and whather 36

bring down Mr Callaghan and instal Mrs Thatcher as Prime Minister, Mr Steel conmented that at the end of the day "you have to have confidence in the electorate". He did not think a great Tory landslide would occur. Even if it did, that would be what the people had voted for. What was wrong with that? If the people voted for that, "we should have to live with it".

In any event, Mr Steel said, he favoured a fixed-term Par-liament instead of an openended option for the Primo Ninister as now. He added:
"It is really a decision for the Government, not the Liberal Party, whether we are going to have an election after next Wednesday, and it is for the Labour Party and its left wing to decide ". At the end of the interview,

Mr Steel provisionally added to his requirements for any pact with Mr Collaghan some progress on direct elections next year to the European Par-

tion of the CSE in 1965 and the raising of the school-learing age to 16 in 1973.

The statistics show that the proportion of children leaving maintained schools with five or more O levels (or CSE grade ones) fall from 18.65 per cent in 1974. Those with two or more A levels fell from 10.52 per cent in 1971 to 9.61 per cent in 1974 and rose alightly to 9.69.

1974 and rose slightly to 9.20 per cent in 1975.

Mr Baldwin points out the between 1971 and 1975 the numbers of children in comprehensive schools increased rapidly to three quarters of the total secondary school per

the total secondary school pebulation.

Mr Baldwin has worked out that grammar schools should be given a handicap to allow for their creaming off.

Using such a handicap he calculates that 16 per cent o school-leavers left comprehensives in 1974 with at least fit to levels, compared with most than 20 per cent from grammar and secondary modern schools. The difference narrows for those who left in 1975 with two or more A levels 8.76 with two or more A levels, 8.76 per cent in comprehensives and 11.68 per cent in grammar

Further researches by M Baldwin show a dramatic increase in the proportion of school-leavers passing O and A levels in the Roman Catholic selective schools in Manchester between 1964 and 1976.

The proportion increased by 370 per cent for O levels and by 300 per cent for A levels. The increases in the county maintained schools were 44 per cent and 12.5 per cent.

Mr. Baldwin said last night that those figures did not show a failure by comprehensive a failure by comprehensive schools. The large increases in the Roman Catholic schools were due to massive expansion after better government grants and an influx of children from outside the city.

#### If there was going to be a guillotine on a revived devolu-tion Bill, there would have to party to go on propping up a government without knowing their policy. "We are", he added, "an opposition, independent party, and if the government want our support they control was a support they be an improved Bill first. Liberals were very strongly for separate Bills for Scotland and Wales. The Government simply ignored Parliament. Under questioning, Mr Steel

cannot proceed on a take it-or-leave it basis. They must pro-ceed on a degotiated basis."

Was the lapsing of the devo-lution Bill an element in any was coy about proposals the Liberals have submitted to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to influence the Budget he is to open tomorrow week.

# pact with the Government? Mr He reinctantly confided that of the February, 1974, elso-Steel replied that there was a Liberal's based their economic tion." mejority of nearly 40 votes on proposols on securing a third. He said that Mr Heath the second reading of the year of pay agreement where rejected the offer of consistent

Glasgow City Council From Martin Huckerby

SNP confident of taking

in Scotland, the Glasgow City District Council, in the local elections in May. They believe that not only can they take control of a council on which they have only one member at present, but also that they can make great inroads elsewhere. Local election results are an

unveilable guide to voters' behaviour at a subsequent general election, and the Labour. Party in Scotland will no doubt shrug off its losses as no more than the usual local election swing against the party in power nationally.

Psychologically, however, such results will be very important. It will be the first rest test of public opinion in Scotland since the defeat of the guillotine on the devolution Bill, and any victories over Labour, and over the Conservatives will be trumpeted by the Scottish National Party as clear evidence of a growing demand for independence.

ence. Nevertheless, all is not plain sailing for the nationalists as they prepare for the elections.

Despite the propagands the Despite the propaganda, the party is being selective about the seats it will contest, and in some cities where it has considerable support, such as Aber-deen. Perth and Dundee, it is planning to put up so few can-didates that even if they were all elected there would be no chance of the SNP gaining con-

In Dundee, for instance, where the nationalists hold one of the two parliamentary seats and believe they will soon have the other, they would seem to have an ideal target in a Labour administration riven by accusations of corruption and by faction fights between left and right wings. Labour holds control there

only with the casting vote of the lord provost, and the opposition Progressive Conservative group is confident of taking over on May 3, particularly since seven of the sitting Labour councillors have not been renominated by the left-wing controlled party, and

Labour chooses

Mr Raymond Ellis, aged 53, president of the Derbyshire area of the National Union of

Mr Ian Smith, aged 40, a Glasgow photographer, has been adopted as the Scottish National

last general election.

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some of those are considering

Edinburgh

The Scottish nationalists are any candidates at all, and at poised to topple the Labour most would probably nominate only six people. The official explanation is that the party prafets to concentrate on prefers to concentrate on parliamentary elections, but hir Brian Innes-Will, the SNP's vice-chairman for organization, admitted yesterday that Dundee council was in such a mess that his party did not want to get involved in the intractable political and econo-

mic problems.

Generally, the party says that it wants to ensure it has worthy candidates, and it also wants to husband its resources so as to gain as many victories as possible. Thus, in Edinburgh it is likely to contest perhaps only half of the seats, and in the five districts of the Grampian region, including Aber-deen, is planning to put up a meagre 30 candidates.

Mr Innes-Will said that there would be at least 350 candidates in May, concentrated heavily in the central industrial belt, which is Labour's heart-

and.

The nationalists certainly have a chance of taking over in Glasgow, where they might need only just over a third of the seats to gain control. The Labour Party's assistant Scottish organizer, Mr James Allison, said after the guillotine defeat: "I think it will be accommonally difficult for the exceptionally difficult for the Labour Party to retain control of Glasgov and some of the larger district councils like Renfrew.

Renfrew."

The SNP is well aware of the danger of taking over a council with an inexperienced team. Party officials have drawn up lists of candidates who would be suitable for important posts.

Control of Glasgow might bring political kudos, but in the long term could prove damaging. At present the social and comomic ills can be blamed on the Labour adminis-

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three-party system in much of Scotland is that a party can wield considerable influence on a council while remaining in a minority. To hold the balance of power may be more advantageous than complete control.

#### Hunt protesters disrupt service

The Rev Eric Wheeler, vicar of Steeple Bumpstead, Essex, called in the police to eject demonstrators who interfered with his church service yester-der meriper. day morning.
The demonstrutors carried

placards attacking the vicar, a member of the Puckeridge and Thurlow Hunt, for his hunting

Sir James Miller dies Sir James Miller, Lord Provost of Edinburgh from 1951 to 1954 and Lord Mayor of London from 1964 to 1965, died yesterday. He was 72.

### Tories ready for election, Mrs Thatcher says

"A government that cannot get its major policies through the House of Commons cannot survive", Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, said in a speech to the Conservative Central Council Co tral Council conference Torquey on Saturday.

In an attack on the Govern-

ment for its behaviour in the

commons on Thursday night, she declared: "It is as if a demoralized army, when they had lost the day said, 'We can't have been defested because we just ran away. Should an election come, the Tories were ready. She continued: ready. She communed:

This time last year we had just witnessed unusual events in the Commons. Then, the Government had lost a vote on the Public Expenditure White Paper. I had called on the Prime Minister, Harold Witson, to go. In everyone's antazement he did. The trouble was, he did not take his whole Cabiner with him.

But at least we must consentate.

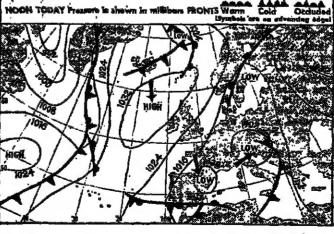
But at least we must congratulate

She said that no government faced with a parliamentary battle had turned and fled, then claimed, "We weren't

then claimed, "We we defeated, we didn't vote." defented, we didn't vote."

This was a major issue. Public expenditure comes from the fixpayer's pay packet or the pensioner's pension. Every pound taken by the Government is a pound lost for the citizen to spend himself. And the Government takes a lot of pounds. To be precise, it is proposing to spend some £52,000m this year. To us, all power is a trust and we are responsible for its exercise. Responsible to whom? To Parliament, to the elected representatives of the people. But this is the very body the Government tries to stop from taking a decisive vote.

# Weather forecast and recordings



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7.2 am 7.15 pm Moon rises: Moon sets: First Quarter : March 27. Lighting up: 7.45 pm to 6.29 am. High water: London Bridge, 3.43 am, 7.3m (23.9ft); 4.5 pm, 7.4m (24.3ft). Avonmouth, 9.18 am, 13.6m (44.5ft); 9.31 pm, 13.3m (48.7ft). Dover, 12.46 am, 6.8m (22.3ft); 1.3 pm, 6.6m (21.7ft). Hull, 8.9 am, 7.2m (25.6ft); 8.13 pm, 7.3m (23.9ft). Liverpool, 12.59 am, 9.1m (29.9ft); 1.13 pm, 9.3m (30.7ft).

Pressure will remain high NW of Britain with a NE airstream over all districts. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, East Anglia, E. SE, NE England: Mostly cloudy, occa-sional rain; wind NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 8°C (46°F). Central S, central N England, Midlands: Bright intervals, occa-

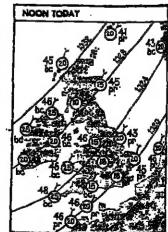
NE, light or moderate; max temp 9°C (48°f).
Borders, Edinburgh, Duadee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands: Bright intervals, scattered showers, sleet or snow on high ground; wind NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 6°C (43°f).
Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkuey, Sheiland: Bright intervals, a few wintry showers; wind NE, moderate or fresh, max temp 5°C (41°f).
Outlook: for tomotrow and Wednesday: Mainly dry in the W with summy periods and temp near normal; mostly cloudy and rather cold in E with showers, chiefly in the SE; overnight frost in places. Sea pussages: S North Sea, Strak of Dover, English Channel WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r,

Channel Islands: Bright intervals, showers; wind NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 9°C (48°F).

SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District: Sunny intervals, scartered showers; wind NE, moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Isle of Man, Glasgow, Argyll, NW, SW Scotland, N Arghand: Mainly dry, sunny intervals; wind NE; light or moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

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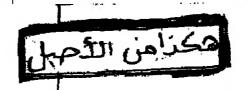


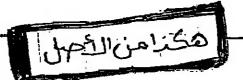
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London: Temp: max 6 am 10 6 pm, 12°C (54°F); min 6 pm ns 6 am, 7°C (45°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 48 pcr cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.04in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 7.00hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,004.7 millibars, rising.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 10°C (50°F); min 7 pm to 7 pm, 5°C (41°F). Homidity, 7 pm, 76 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, 0.05in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 1.5hr. Bar, mean sea 1.vel; 7 pm, 1,013.4 millibars, rising.
1.000 millibars=29.53in.





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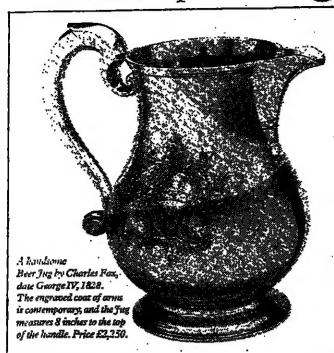
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### Ministers may propose party list system for Europe elections

The Cabinet has made enough progress in approving a White progress in approving a White Paper (with green edges) on direct elections to the European Parliament to be reasonably confident of publishing it next week. Drafted by Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, who carries responsibility for all elections in the United Kingdom, it largely states problems and canvasses solutions.

By all accounts Mr Rees, who

By all accounts Mr Rees, who stands closer to the Prime Minister than most other senior minister than most other sentor ministers, is arguing in Cabinet for the United Kingdom not to incur the odium of being the only country obstructing Euro-pean elections timed for May or June next year.

Like everybody else, he does not underrate the difficulties for the Government and the political parties outside Westminster in keeping to the agreed summit timetable, but he is not hidebound by first-patthe-past precedents er ne is not indebound by first-past-the-post precedents or frightened by the abundant academic calculations that the Labour Party would be virtually evinguished in a bad year by the election to the European Parliament of 81 MPs from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland. Several senior members of the Cabinet are confident that Labour would be sure of taking Yorkshire, Wales and probably Lancashire for the European

My impression is that if, after Cabinet discussions, the United Kingdom is to be offered a government plan for direct elections next year, it is likely to take the form of a regional party list system.

£200,000 lifeboat Parachutist rescued An RAF helicopter from Leuchars, Fife, yesterday rescued a girl parachutist who had landed 30 feet up a tree

A new £200,000 self-righting lifeboat is due on station in the Humber on Wednesday. The glass-fibre City of Bradford will have a range of 200 miles.

be a uniform system of election, almost certainly including

proportional representation throughout the Nine.

the Westminster argument for what is called the dual man-date; that is, joint membership

of the parliaments at West minster and in Strasbourg.

objections to the escape route, however, is that it would prob-

ably bring in an entirely new brand of United Kingdom poli-

tician, who would tend to diminish Westminster sove-

reignty and fragment party

discipline; and the fact that European MPs are going to be

much better paid than those at Westminster raises difficult

Although there have been no official talks between Govern-

metir and Opposition about the drift of the White Paper, it is fairly clear that the Opposition

would prefer initially the list system of election to no direct

One of the party managerial

Budget preview 1: Public opinion and personal tax cuts

A=average UK earnings; B=2 x average UK. Source: Hanserd.

accompanies such a system.

personal and other allowances

### MPs note anger over 'increasing burden'

By Neville Hodgkinson
Social Policy Correspondent
Nearly three years ago the
Chancellor of the Exchequer was promising the Labour Party that he would squeeze the rich until the pips squeaked. Now he ject to that as undemocratic and an aifront to United Kingis planning tax cuts and talking of the need to improve incen-

tives over the whole range of income levels The inspiration behind any tax changes in his forthcoming Budget will owe as much to public opinion as to the views of experts on economic effi-ciency. Labour MPs and party officials over much of Britain have been receiving the clear message that one of the big preoccupations among working people, more intense and poten-tially more explosive than in

previous years, is the ever-growing slice of their wages taken in income tax. In money terms, everyone is paying on average nearly three times as much as he was four years 250, a rate of increase far exceeding the rise in average earnings.

The auger is seen as a poten-tial threat to Labour's social welfare policies, to the wage restraint sought through the social contract, and to the moral health of the nation. Tax-avoid-ance has already become a national habit, according to Sir Norman Price, the former chairman of the Board of Inland

elections next year at all.

It is probably the solution the leaders of both main poli-Social security recipients have become a target of public criti-cism, generally misplaced. For most of them the system is tical parties at Westminster would prefer, at least for the first directly elected European Parliament with a set lifetime of five years. After 1983, it is laid down that there should be a mifform system of election. grossly demeaning, because of the multitude of bits and pieces that Parliament has authorized as a substitute for straightfor-

The latest available marginal percontage rates of income tax plue social sacurity contributions payable by a marted man with two children under 11 years. In Britain, France, Gormany, united States and Japan are: Simply to restore the single person's and married couple's allowances of £735 and £1,085 to their real value at February, 1974, the Chancellor would have to raise them by £275 and £230

respectively. In the tax year 1964-65, a married man with two children under 11 lost less than a tenth of his pay in income tax and national insurance contribu-tions if he had an income equivalent to average male earnings. Now he loses nearly a quarter. In 1973-74 he had to start

ward income-support at a setis-factory level. And it is inadepaying tax on his earnings at £1,116 a year; in 1976-77 the threshold had fallen to £963, quate for the many who fail to understand the red tape that reckoning at 1973 prices. When a family man with two

Over the same period the prochildren can be earning £70 a week and be no better off than portion of pay lost by a similar family on twice the average earnings rose from 18.9 per cent to nearly a third; on five if he was not working at all, an instance cited by the Chancellor himself, it is not surpris-ing that resentments arise. times the average earnings, from just over a quarter to The reason for the increased nearly balf; and on 10 times, tax burden is that for many years most Chancellors have failed to adjust the value of from 37 per cent to nearly two

thirds.
In the past few years the growth in income tax has been against tax to take adequate account of inflation. As money incomes have risen the threshold over which a wage-carner accompanied by actual, and sometimes substantial, falls in the real purchasing power of after-tax incomes.

begins to pay tax, or to pay at a higher rate, has fallen. A relatively prosperous retired couple with an invest-ment income of £114 a week in In fact, when cuts have been made, the tendency has been to talk of the Chancellor's "giv-ing away" so much money. 1973-74, three times the average earnings of that time paid £40 in income tax, leaving a net income of £74. In 1976-77, the equivalent money income was £195 a week, but the could would pay £94 in taxes and the net income after tax would sive ing away" so much money, despite the increase in overall "take" on account of inflation. For example, receipts from taxes on personal income rose from £7,444m in 1973-74, to an net income after tax

them a real purchasing power, at 1973 prices, of only £60. A similar drastic reduction is seen in the real value of the seen in the real value of the seen ings of the £10,000-a-year man, the manager or top salesman on whom industry depends so heavily. In 1973-74 a single man on three times the average earnings had an income of £114 a week. He paid £31.50 in income tax, leaving him with £82.50. Today the equivalent income is £195, of which £77

thely 11

goes in tax. That leaves him with £118, of which the real value at 1973 prices is £71, or £11.50 less than the 1973.74 equivalent. The threshold for the first higher tax band, calculated at 1973 prices, fell from £6,116 to £3,911 between 1973 and 1976. For the final bend at which the rate becomes 83 per cent, it fell from £21,176 to £12,786.

Linked with the failure to adjust tax thresholds and the piecemeal development of benefits and subsidies is the notori-The threshold for the first piecemeai development of benefits and subsidies is the notorious poverty trap, illustrated in a recent parliamentary reply.

A first with a wife and four children, aged 3, 8, 11 and 16, earning £45 a week, has a bet weekly spending power of £45.28 after taxes and benefits on the basis of the assumptions in the rable below. That is less than the rable below. on the basis or the assumptions in the table below. That is, less that the £48.81 he would have available if he was living on the standard supplementary benefit, But, more important, if he earns £10 extra a week he gets an increase in spending power of only £1.40; and if he raises himself to average male earlyings of £65 a week, he seemonly £3.50 of that £20 extra.

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# Police pay:

# now for the truth.

Some highly misleading figures on the average pay of Britain's policemen and policewomen have recently been issued by the Official Side of the

Here are the true facts - based on the Government's own estimates produced by the Home Office.

The average weekly pay of a constable is £70. (Not, as has been claimed, £80.)

The average weekly pay of all ranks, from constable to chief inspector, is £75.22. (Not, as has been claimed, £90.)

To put these figures in perspective; in December 1976, average earnings for all non-manual male workers in Britain were £88.70 - 27% above the constable's average. (This contrasts with the official statement that the average policeman is being paid 28% more than the average of all adult males in Britain.)

In fact, the relative position of police officers is probably even less favourable. The above Government estimates are based on the assumption that policemen work between 4 and 5 hours overtime a week; whereas many forces have reduced or even eliminated overtime as an economy measure.

We hope these figures - and the regrettable necessity of correcting official statements to the public - will show why the Police Federation is determined to press its claim for a fair pay increase for police officers.

And we hope that the public - who benefit every day from the skills, commitment and courage of their police - will lend us their support.

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### Transplant surgeon says doctors 'seem to forget' needs of kidney patients Authority to overcome the cards, and to get everyone in

From John Roper Health Services Correspondent Cambridge

Doctors, more than the public, need reminding of the needs of kidney patients when donor organs are available, according to Professor Roy Calne, a leading transplant surgeon and professor of surgery at Cam-bridge University.

"The public are well ahead of the medical profession in this", Professor Calne said. "Even relatives grieving for a son killed in a motor cycle accident have remembered on the way home that he had a kidney donor card and have got in touch with the hospital." However, although brain death was accepted and a code

practice for orean removal had been agresd, doctors seemed to forget the reads of patients whose lives would be

It was understandable, Pro-fessor Calne seid. "It is difficult to care at second hand. I am involved with my patients, other doctors with theirs."

launching of a campaign by people in Cambridgeshire, Nor-East Anglia Regional Health folk and Suffolk to carry donor

shortage of kidneys for transplants. He hopes hospital authorities will agree to appoint a coordinator from his transplant unit to speak to medical staff in other hospitals in the

One prominent caudidate for such an appointment is Miss Sally Taber, nursing officer in charge of the renal dialysis and transplant unit at Adden-brooke's Hospital, who has worked for Professor Calne for

five years.

Miss Taber, who has specialized in renel units, says she could spare about four days a month and would tell doctors and nurses in intensive-care and accident units about the need for donated organs.
The Addenbrooke's

where Professor Calne is also having increasing success in transplanting livers, is carrying out only about thirty kidney transplants a year, aithough sixty could be achieved if there were enough donors.

Results in the campaign, throughout next month, will be

closely watched by about fifty ther doctors with theirs."

units in other areas. Its aims

He was speaking at the are to persuade many more

the area talking about the need. Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, has said there is a need to double the 600 kidney transplants now performed annually. Although the need is known, Britain is layging behind.

Sufferers from renal disease will attend meetings and demonstrations of home dialysis apparatus, which can be installed for about £2,600 and which cost half as much as maintaining a patient in hospital.

Typical of their stories is that Mr Brian Pearmain, who hopes every time there is a telephone call to his home at Wickham Skeith, Suffolk, that it will be from the Cambridge unit offering him a new life. Three years ago his body rejected a donor kidney and he had to return to two 10-hour

sessions weekly on a dialysis machine. "I am 39 and could return to work if I had a transplant", he said. "As it is, if I kick a football for 10 minutes with my four children on the beach, I have to sit down." He com-mented: "But transplanted patients, they are one telephone call away from a new life."

### Food and farming exports up by £500m last year

The total value of the United Kingdom's exports in agriculture and food in 1976 was 22,778.7m. That was an increase parliamentary written of £507.2m on 1975.
Agriculture, Mar 14

of offences known to the police in England and Wales in 1976 was 2:135,700, of which 916,500, or in England and Wales in 1976 was 2;135,700, of which 916,500, or 43 per cent, were cleared up. The figures (in thousands) for known offences were (1975 figures in brackets): Violence against the person: 77.7 (71.0), up 10°5; sexual offences: 22.2 (23.7), down 6°6; burglary: 515.5 (521.9), down 1°6; robbery: 11.6 (11.3), up 3°6; theft and handling stolen goods: 1,285.7 (1,267.7), up 1°6; fraud and forgery: 119.9 (123.1), down 3°6; crininal damage over £20: 93.0 (78.5), up 18°6; other offences: 10.1 (8.4), up 20°6; total: 2,135.7 (2,105.6), up 1°6.

For offences cleared up the total: 2,135.7 (2,105.6), up 1%.

For offences cleared up the figures were: Violence: 61.4, 79% (57.6, 81%); second offences: 17.2, 77% (18.6, 78%); burglary: 173.4, 34% (175.6, 34%); robbery: 3.8, 33% (4.5, 40%); theft and handling: \$21.6, 44% (\$25.1, 41%); fraud and forgery: 97.5, 81% (168.7, 84%); criminal damage: 32.2, 35% (28.7, 37%); other: 9.4, 93% (7.8, 93%); total: 916.5, 43% (921.6, 44%).

Home Office, Mar 9

Home Office, Mar 9 Convictions quashed on appeal:
Convictions after trials on indictment quashed on appeal in 1974
and 1975 in England and Wales
were as follows (including cases
in which convictions on certain
counts were quashed but not on
others): Number of persons:
Conviction quashed: 1974, 104:
1975, 130. Conviction quashed but
conviction for Jesser offence substituted: 1974. 3; 1975, 6.

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Prisoners: It is assumed that the average daily population in prisons in Great Britain will rise in the period 1880-81 as follows: 1976-77, 46,185; 1977-8, 46,603; 1978-79, 47,045; 1979-80, 47,515; 1980-81, 48,065.

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The figures for England and Wales are: 41,160; 41,480: 41,480: 41,480; 42,190; 42,640.

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The number of persons in Prison Department establishments in England and Wales who on June 30 in each year were serving sentences of five years or more was: 1973, 4,356; 1974, 4,394; 1975, 4,499. Bome Office, Mar 9

Taxation yields: The percentage of total central government tax revenue frrom direct personal taxation (income tax, surtax and capital gains tax) with, in brackets, the main indirect taxes (Customs and Excise duties, vehicle excise and stamp duties) for the following financial years was: 1970-71 40.0 (34.3); 1971-72 42.8 (36.7); 1972-73 42.6 (39.2); 1973-74 44.6 (39.8); 1974-75 48.8 (36.7); 1975-76 55.5 (36.4).

Treasury, Mar 8

Treasury, Mar 8 Cancer deaths: The number of persons who died from cancer in England and Wates in the following years (those aged under 20 in brackets) was: 1969, 116,035 (1,128); 1970, 117,076 (1,085); 1971, 118,216 (1,062); 1972, 120,225 (1,079); 1973, 121,297 (1,052); 1974, 123,022 (980); 1975, 123,728 (952).

Social Services, Mar 9

### Solicitor is York crossword champion

From Edmund Akenhead Crossword Editor

The first regional final of the 1977 Cutty Sark/Times National Crossword Championship took place yesterday at the Vicing Hotel, York. There were 118 competitors and in completing the four puzzles 15 achieved maximum puzzle points of 124.

The final was accordingly decided on time bonus points, representing the time allowed for solving, 120 minutes for the four puzzles, less the time taken by each competitor.

each competitor.

The first prize and the title of
York champion was won by hir
Joseph Ford, a solicitor, a former
York champion, with \$2 time
bonus points. The runner-up, who
also qualifies for the national also qualifies for the national final in September, was last year's York champion, Mrs Joyce Cans-field, with \$1 time bonus points. Prizes were also presented by Mrs Lindsay Ramsey, on behalf of Cutty Sark Scotch whisky, to Mr David Morris and Mr Simul Chillingworth, who came third and fourth, with 79 and 76 time boms points respectively.

#### Hi-fi joins the A level course

Lord Mountbatten of Burns spoke in support yesterday of a new A level GCE examination a new A level GCE examination in electronics which will involve the candidate's own hi-fi equipment. The Associated Examining Board has drawn up the syllabus and a pilot scheme is being run at nine schools and colleges.

being run at nine schools and colleges.

As chairman of the National Electronics Research Council, which has sponsored the pilot study, Lord Mountbatten said:

"The widest possible encourage should be given to young men and women to learn of the way electronics plays such a vital role in all our daily activities".

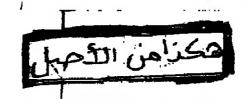
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### Treasury break-up unlikely while Mr Healey remains

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likely to split the Treasury while Mr Healey remains Chancellor of the Exchequer. The possibility of Mr Callaghan's cividing it into a Ministry of Minupower and Budget has dimmished, at least for the time being, since the death of Mr. Crosland last month.

All Crosland was to have transferred from the Foreign Office to the Treasury in the summer. Mr Healey would have exchanged portfolios with him and a reorganization of White

own sake in departmental arrangements. When such moves were mooted in his days at the Ministry of Defence he was fond of remarking: "You do not take out a man's appen-dix while be is lifting a grand

piano."
The burden on the Chancelfor has been greatly eased by the promotion to the Cabinet list month of his number two, Mr Joel Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury. An accountant by training Mr Barnett assists Mr Healey a good lieal on tayation as well as a real assists. deal on taxation as well as expenditure matters.

His Cabinet place has allowed the Chancellor to shed much of the detailed briefing on spending matters that was necessary

previously.

Mr Healey would probably ergue that breaking up the Tres. sury would once more add to of the primary concerns of Mr Callaghan when he first con-sidered the possibility before. Christmas) rather than reduce it further.

The need for consultation between the Chancellor and his ministerial colleague respon-sible for public, expenditure would be greater and, consequently, more time-consuming Few in Whitehall are satisctors 'seen fied with the present role of the Civil Service Department, to whose manpower divisions the

esterday. They should abon-

don the 11 growth areas designated in 1970 because the

expected population and econo-

nuc growth they were designed

for had not materialized.

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The Prime klinister is un would be added in the event of kely to split the Treasury change. Some do argue, however, that cash limits have given. the Treasury adequate control over manpower costs.

Another idea floated ame the permanent secretaries is that . manpower, recruitment,

public appointments and honours should be entrusted to a public service commission, modelled on United States, Canadian and Australian practise, and answerable to the Prime Minister. The commission would negotiate on manand a reorganization of White hall was a possibility.

Mr Flealey has never been Treasury and the Civil Service an advocate of change for its Department could be disbanded.

Last year it looked as if a future. Conservative government would break up the Treasury. But a report to be circulated to the Shadow Cabinet this week comes out strongly against such a move.

The document reflects the views expressed by Mr David Howell, MP for Guildford, in a Howell, MP for Guildford, in a letter to The Times on March 11 in which he described breaking up the Treasury as "the wrong solution many years too late." Mr Howell was a member of the committee that produced the report under the chairmanship of Mr William Whitelaw, deputy leader of the Conservative Party.

The debate about the size and shape of the Treasury will con-tinue this afternoon before the Select Committee on Expendi-ture. The first wimess, Sir Samuel Coldman, will repeat his long held view that its unity should be maintained.

The second witness will be Lord Diamond, Chief Secretary to the Treasury in 1964-70. In his book, Public Expenditure in Practice, published in 1975, he said that drawing a line between spending and the rest of Treasury work was clear and easy. Separation might make easy. Separation might make expenditure control a fraction caster" but in general it was not easy to see whether it would be an improvement on

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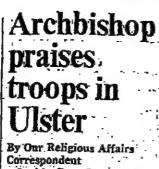
London of even more skilled

Planners should take a fresh Christopher Hall, speaking of

lunk at their ideas for the the council's formal comments future of south-esst England, on the Review of the Strategic Plan for the South-east, published last October; said that

Growth areas condemned

Roman Catholics to join. Letters, page 15



Correspondent

In his first St Patrick's Day sermon in Liverpool, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, Mgr Derek Worlock, yesterday praised the courage of British troops in Northern Ireland. He told a congregation in

the Metropolitan Cathedral drawn from the Irish com-munity in Liverpool that the withdrawal of British forces was not the real issue; although the marter would not be solved by military means. Mgr Worlock came to Liverpool exactly a year ago and has more than once since then been outspoken on Irish issues, contrary to what had become the custom among English Roman Catholic bishops, to

leave comment on Irish affairs to the Irish bishops.

He said: "One must admire the bravery and communal spirit of those who undertake military duties in this difficult situation. Withdrawal or reduction of troops is not the real

"Amention must surely be given once again to an attempt to secure by political means some form of shared responsibility, or power sharing. It is at least ironic that in these last months attention has been directed to Scotland and Wales, when surely the most important issue is some form of devolved government in Northern Ireland."

Ceasefire warning: Mr Airey spokesman on Northern Ireland, defended the Royal Ulster Constabulary yesterday and declared that "the Government must not be tricked into another Provisional IRA ceasefire, of which there are again rumours" (Our Political Staff writes).

Speaking in Malvern, he tryged the Government to give the RUC the recognition it deserved "No civilian police force in Western Europe has a more difficult and dangerous task. They neither seek nor get much publicity until accusations Ceasefire warning: Mr Airey

much publicity until accusations are made against them." All complaints must be immediately investigated, as they were, though a large proportion were groundless.

Mr Neave said the policeman in Ulster was a target by day In the past few years 100 members of the RUC had died, and 3,000 in a force of 5,000 had

injured. All political parties should support the RUC and encourage



Leonard Bernstein rehearsing for a performance of Les Noces, by Stravinsky, to be given by the English Bach Festival Orchestra and Choir at the Festival Hall this evening.

### Windscale objectors' list closes

By Our Science Editor The list closes today for

The list closes today for objectors submitting evidence to the public inquiry into expansion plans for the ouclear fuel reprocessing plant at Windscale, Cumbria.

Although the evamination under Mr Justice Parker cannot start before mid-lune, the money for the scheme was expected to receive approval under the Nuclear Industry Figance Bill weeking provision Finance Bill seeking provision of £500m last week.

As it was not debated, the proposals for Windscale may be one of the first victims it an election is called after Wednesday's vote: in the Commons.

Long-term. expenditure schemes for British Washers Long-term expenditure schemes for British Nuclear Faels require £1,500m over the

next 10 years. The immediate demand is for more than £200m to expand the Magnox fuel reprocessing plant to remove the waste from the fuel rods from existing nuclear power plants of the Central Electricity Generating Board.
Another £40m is for the de-

veropment of the process to turn long-lived radioactive wastes into glass blocks. A third demand, for about £300m, is for the controvers al reprocessing plant to handle oxide fuel from Japan, Spain, Sweden, Germany and other countries that have

### Violent offenders guide sought

Should the protection of the public be a sufficient reason for locking up dangerous offenders for longer periods than could be justified on other penological grounds such as rehabilitation, deterrence or punishment? If so, for how long? To what extent should the dangerous offender's individual human right to freedom be taken into. consideration? What, indeed, is a "dangerous" offender?

Those are some of the questions are some of the questions put forward in a consultative document on dangerous offenders, published today, which has been drawn up by a commissee of crimivological experts chaired by Mrs Jean Floud, principal of Newsham College, Cambridge.

The 11-member committee, which includes Mr Francis Greham Harrison, former Deputy Under-Secretary of State . at the Home Office, Sir Brian Their replies, and those of MacKenna, the High Count any other interested parties,

Wolfson Professor of Crimin-ology at Cambridge and a mem-ber of the Home Secretary's ber of the Home Secretary's advisory council, was set up by the Howard League for Penal Reform and the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders with funds provided by the American Academy of Contemporary Problems in Columbus, Ohio.

The Publish commission of the Care and Academy of Contemporary Problems in Columbus, Ohio.

The British committee's consultative document, which has been drawn up after 10 months' work, including interviews with about 50 life-sentence prisoners, is designed to air the general medical, legal, ethical and social. aspects of the matter and tostimulate discussion, not to provide any answers.

Copies of the document have been sent to a selection of judges, MPs, academics, individual members of voluntary and professional bodies in the field, before the committee makes its recommendations in its final report, which is expected early

An offender is usually des-cribed as dangerous if there is a substantial probability of his committing a further offence involving grave harm, the com-mittee says. But what is "grave harm"? Some might sigue, for example, that wide-spread "mugging" causing minor personal injuries is more serious than domestic violence causing grievous boddy harm. A serious offence, the committee says, does not make a dengerous offender unless there

is a likelihood that it will be repeated despite the usual pre-cautious provided by the law. But by what method is that likelihood to be judged? The Dangerous Offender, a Con-sultative Document. (Free from The Secretary, Institute of The Secretary, Institute of Criminology, 7 West Road, Cambridge).

### Giving more say to parents and teachers

By Mark Jackson, of The Times Educational Supplement

The Inner London Education Authority is to double the re-presentation of parents and teachers on its school govern-

ing and managing bodies. The authority, which has been under pressure to increase par-ticipation since the William Tyndale school inquiry, has decided it can no longer wait for the recommendations of the Taylor: Committee on school government throughout the

Mr Kenneth Livingstone, a member of ILEA's Labour majority, said during the weekend that the decision, which will mean two parents and two teacher representatives on each body, was one of a number of changes being introduced after criticisms in the inquiry's re-port. Arrangements have also been made for ILEA members in each division to meet regularly with officers to discuss their local schools.

Mr Livingstone said: \* Some-thing has to be done, because the Tyndale affair has shattered many of the channels of informal communication that existed previously. People are afraid now to tell you anything in case they should be forced to justify it publicly years later."

The authority is also taking

steps to improve communicaious and supervision within its administration. A divisional inspector is being appointed in each of the 10 divisions.

The changes do much to pre-

empt suggestions for reform made in a pamphlet on the Wil-liam Tyndale School affair, issued by the Conservative issued by the Conservative issued by the Conservative Political Office this weekend. The pamphlet, written by a former member of the staff of the journal of the National Union of Teachers, says that most schools are working satisfactorily and that teachers are entitled to every support, but that local authorities need to be able to detect and correct potential failures in the system. The Lessons of Tundale by Paul Williams (Conservative Political Centre, 40p).

### NHS doctors should be put on salaries, TUC says

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Health Service, including family doctors, dentists and opticians should be employed on a salary basis, the Trades Union Con-

gress says. In its 20,000-word memorandum of evidence to the royal commission on the service,

published today, the TUC the medical profession would general practitioners. accepts that there are consider come to accept that its working able difficulties which make an conditions would be improved immediate and complete change

ew basis.

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The congress believes that the distorted distribution of

with more clearly defined hours, equitable sharing of work and better arrangements for

create a more egalitarian doctor-patient relationship. It does impossible. But the principle should be established, positive and better arrangements for ing, or to deny the importance inducement should be offered to effect the change and new staff should be employed on the new basis.



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### Heavier polling raises Chirac chances in second French ballot

From Charles Hargrove

Paris, March 20 M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, appeared highly likely to be electer Mayor of Paris as France went to the polls today in the second round of its municipal elections.

Officials reported that in spite of rainy weather 2 per cent more people had voted by midday compared with last week's

The second ballot will bring a decision in 64 towns and cities including Lille, Marseilles, Toulouse, Nice and Rennes. In the remaining 158 the outcome was settle dby the first ballot, in which the Union of the Left gained 32 towns from the government majority and lost

On the basis of last Sunday's score, there had been little doubt feit that the majority would hold the capital—thanks to its belatedly patched-up unity—and that the left would consolidate its advance by conquering another 15 to 20 of the rger towns from the right. A great deal turned today on

the "marginal" voters—the ecologists, the "Jobertists", and even the extreme left in some cases, whose weight tipped the scales in Nice and St Etiennne, and in the process decided the fate of several who stood for reelec-

Traditionally the two-ballot system, a typically French invention is designed to enable the voters to give free reign to thteir preferences in the first poll. When the mechanism of withdrawals and eliminations has done its work, they are then able to stop the candidates they in the second ballot. As result, a political trend is sometimes reversed in the second ballot. This was the case in the parliamentary elections of 1973, when the majority, which had swept the board on the first poll, found itself with a gain of only one parliamentary

seat the following week.
This time, the Covernment excessively sauguine about it, that the same would happen in

arithmetically, this seemed unlikely, for in most of the remaining larger towns where run-off ballots were being held. Government majority was

defending sears rather than try-

ling to win new ones.

Besides, last Sunday's first ballot has proved that the Communists, allied to the dominant Socialists, no longer frighten away the middle-of-the-road voter, even in such traditional conservative strongholds as the West. And another reason why reversal of trends was unlikely is that these elections were after all municipal con-tests not a national test. The voters could vent their discon-tent with austerity, the Barre plan and the divisions of the majority, in the full knowledge

that they were not choosing revolution instead of reform. They will make this choice exactly one year's time, in the parliamentary elections of

One thing, however, is practically ruled out after today's poll. That is the dissolution of Parliament before it has run its full course. However difficult cohabitation will be in the government majority in coming months between Giscardians and Gaullists, it will be preferable to joint suicide at the

Had M Chirac lost his gamble on Paris, he would have had to compensate for this by making life impossible for the Government. Now he can concentrate on consolidating position in the majority and in the country from the power base that Paris will give him.

However, the parliamentary election campaign has in fact aiready begun. M Jean Jacques Schreiber, editor-in-the news magazine L'Express, goes even further. France, he says, now finds herself again in 1788, the year before the Revolution.

"In 1788", he says, "it was from the violence and the limitless cascade of coups d'état which succeeded one the municipals, and that the another for nearly a century."

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### Priest ready to sit outside Barcelona jail until last political prisoner is freed

### Father Xirinacs keeps vigil despite amnesty

"I am tired, my nerves are in shreds, and I am dying to take a holiday", said Father Luis Maria Xirinacs in front of Barcelona's Model Prison, where he has been mounting a bill 12 hour rigil for the past daily 12-hour vigil for the past 15 months in favour of a total

He says the Suarez Government's recently announced ex-tension of its amnesty is in theory a great improvement on previous "amnesties", but he will not give up his vigil until all political prisoners are re-leased, including those condemned for politically motivated crimes of violence. While we talked, seated on

newspapers with our backs against the wall facing the prison where Father Xirinacs oners, passers by greeted him, others joined him, and a few cars sounded their horns. Most of the prisoners are alleged members of ETA, the Basque' separatist organization, awaiting

Father Xirinacs, a 44-year-old worker priest, began his vigil on Christmas Day, 1975, a month after the death of General Franco. At first police

More than 300 people were

injured at the weekend in West

Germany's most violent demon-

stration against nuclear power

The clash came after a peace-

ful start to a protest by about

12,000 people outside the site

of an atomic power plant at

Grobnde, near Hameln, Lower

Saxony. It was guarded by 5,000

The demonstrators were way

ing flowers and exchanging

jokes with police officers when

the atmosphere deteriorated

suddenly, with members of extreme left-wing groups armed

"With ECGD insurance, our overseas

stocks are well covered."

with wire cutters, grappling

From Dan van der Vat

Bonn, March 20

stations.

police.



Father Xirinacs outside Barcelona's Model Prison. Police and right-wingers now leave him alone.

used to pick him up and dump him outside Barcelona. Members of extreme right-wing organizations would frequently in-sult him and beat him up. Father Xirinacs always returned to the prison and bore the verbal and physical attacks with hardly a murmur of protest. Now the police leave him

300 hurt in German nuclear protest

equipment, launching an assault

the wire perimeter fence.

They tore down long stretches it and in the ensuing battle

237 officers were injured, 55 needing hospital treatment. A handful are still being detained

About 80 demonstrators were

hurt, of whom 20 were taken to hospital. The police arrested 26.

There have been several much larger demonstrations

recently against nuclear power

plants, but yesterday's protest was the worst in terms of

minority among

demonstrators, were equipped

on a scale matched only by the

more extreme demonstrations

the

for further observation.

bitterness and violence.

alone and the "so-called uncon-trollable elements", as Father Xirinacs calls the right-wingers, have been controlled. The police bother him now only when he takes part in pro-

amnesty demonstrations. In the past 15 months he has left his place of vigil only five times,

had helmers, goggles, sticks, iron bars, and cataputs with which they fired ball hearings at the police.

The majority were peaceful and representative of the

and representative of the genuine and widespread groundswell of hostile opinion

substituting nuclear energy as

far as possible for power

derived from oil.

Last week's court ruling

against the construction of a

nuclear power station in south

western Germany has clearly

failed to make the protest move-

ment lower its guard. The prob-lem for the authorities is how

to deal with the lunatic fringe seeking to exploit this civic

West Germany against the

While we were talking Josefa Gallud, a friend, joined us. She showed me the 21 stitches in her head put in after riot police hit her with truncheons in demonstration at Montjuich on March 13. When she joined us she had just come from denouncing the police to magis-trates and was carrying a medical certificate

A little later, the father of one of the prisoners in the Model Prison arrived, anxious to ask Father Kirinacs if he had heard anything about his son, The father comes every day to the prison in the hope that when the text of the amnesty is published, his son will be

vigil for 20 minutes every day for lunch in a bar near by. He declined to let me buy him a drink, adding that he has lunch only because his doctor says he must. Father Xirinacs has held four hunger strikes, the longest one for 42 days in 1974, and he is determined not to give up until "the dictatorship is over". He added: "The Government believes that the dictatorship ended with last December's referendum. But it has not,

### New moves to save Italian

From Peter Nichols

Prime Minister, tomorrow begins an intricate operation in-Christian Democrat administration which depends on Com-

munist cooperation. He is making use of double-edged weapon of the conditions laid down by the International Monetary Fund

These conditions are one of a number of issues now coming to a head after a surprisingly tranquil political situation since

The real drams of the week will be provided by the spectacle of Signor Andreom and the Communist Party leader, Signor Enrico Berlinguer, in a conflict which is as much over their relationships with their own parties as with each other.

out before all the leaders of the parties supporting his Gov-ernment the IMF conditions in the form that he says they were laid down in the draft letter IMF regotiators insist on approval for two proposals in the Government's plan for curbing labour costs and inflation which will be put before the Senate on Wednesday.

The two points concern the removal of indirect taxation from the threshold agreement tied to the cost of living index,

# government

Rome, March 20

Signor Andreotti, the Italian

(IMF) for the granting of

the election last June which gave the Communists sufficient backing to claim a share in policy-making even if they remained outside the actual Government.

Signor Andreotti intends to

and curbs on wage negotiations at factory level. Both these measures are opposed by the unions and by the Communists.

### Dispute puts future of Danish paper at risk

From Geoffrey Dodd

Copenhagen, March 20 Doubts are growing in Copen-hagen as to whether the 228year-old Berlingske Tidende can make a successful comeback and resume its role as Denmark's leading newspaper. The conflict which has stopped the newspaper's publication entered its eighth week today.

The printing staff insist upon negotiations before returning to work while the management production to restart before negotiating on new con-ditions for the priming staff. There is no contact between the two sides and the printing staff do not expect the news-paper to publish again until April or even later. Mr Olaf

Poulsen, the general manager of the newspaper, is not prepared to make any guesses on the subject. The unions are confident that the newspaper will quickly pick up its old status when printing resumes. But Mr Poulsen refuses to comment on the news-

paper's future or give details of a survey made by Gallup recently to determine how much circulation revenue has been lost so far. Both the management and the that they want to restart work but their standpoints have not changed. The unions are expected to be ordered to pay a stiff fine when a labour court rules on the conflict for the

second time in the coming The Berlingske deadlock bas also stopped the mass circula-tion newspaper BT, the weekly news magazine Berlingske Week-end and two popular family magazines Soenbags BT and Billet-Bladet. Its foundation was laid in 1960. In the booming economic conditions of the time the management signed an agreement with the printing staff to introduce an extra shift to cope with the growing volume of advertising.

This increased the wage bill but avoided the immediate need to buy improved equipment. It also gave printers at Berlingske wages at least £1,000 higher than elsewhere. Competing news-papers had to follow suit and commercial printers had diffi-culty in keeping staff. The

in pay scales for printing workers. When the recession came Berlingske found itself over-manned and using outdated and uneconomical printing equipattempted to revoke the most expensive sections of special house contracts. publication stopped on January 30, printing wages were about £13,000 a year for some 1,600 hours, about one-third of which were hours paid for but

not worked.

If the Berlingske proposals are accepted, Mr Poulsen says the wage rates will be reduced also considers the campaign waged by the printing unions to undermine the labour court

The unions agree that the conflict is unlawful but they do not intend to change their attitude because they see the labour court as an instrument

of class repression.

"In 1960 the management came to us and asked us to came to us and asked us to assist in formulating an agreement on piecework rates to keep up production. Mr Ove Nielsen, of the Berlingske typographers' chapter, said. This system has been in operation for 16 years but the management now wants to end it. We cannot see any reason to suffer a wage curback just because the newspapers are in difficulty.

newspapers are in difficulty.
"We do not intend to go back to work until after we have had negotiations with the negotiations repeatedly since work stopped on January 30 and while we have not had any positive results so far we will not change our standpoint.

Disputes have been frequent

and the friction increased when January that it expected a neavy loss in 1977. To reduce it, the management wished to change work procedures and hinted that up to 300 of the 1,000 printing staff would probably have to be laid off.

This announcement was not accepted as reasonable by the unions. It set off a campuign of deliberate obstruction in the printing works which caused the management to send the print-ing staff home.

### Breton bomb blast as

seven go on trial Rennes, March 20.-Breton

nationalists today caused a bomb to go off in the electricity board headquarters in Rennes, the damage but no injuries.

The outlawed Breton Liberation Front (FLB) claimed re-

sponsibility for the blast, which came on the eve of the trial of seven Bretons accused of nationalist outrages.

An FLB message said the building had been attacked because it was "a symbol of French occupation in Brittany."

It was the seventh FLB attack this year. Other targets included a television licensing centre, local government buildings and a police car park.—

Princess Beatrix to visit Japan in May

Tokyo, March 20.—Princess Beatrix of The Netherlands and her husband, Prince Claus, will visit Japan in May, it was announced today.—Reuter.

### Football official kidnapped by gang in Turin

Rome, March 20.-Armed men kidoapped the 71-year-old vicepresident of Italy's reigning champion soccer club, Torino, in Turin last night, police said

The four masked kidnappers forced Signor Giuseppe Navone into a car outside a cinema and drove off at speed. A leading building contractor, he has been Torino's vice-president for 10

Meanwhile, an industrialist kidnapped on February 14 was set free early today after his family reportedly payed lire (£660,000) ransom.

Signor Carlo Colombo was abducted by three masked and armed men in a bar.—Reuter and AP.

Six killed in Turkish railway collision

Istanbul, March 20.—Six people were killed and six injured in a goods train collision early today near Bilecik, about

165 miles south-east of here.

### Luxembourg backs Spanish EEC entry

heid here this weekend by the Liberal International. Arranged by Spanish Liberal parties, it is being attended by many prominent foreign politicians, including Mr Richard Moore, British president of the Liberal International and Simon Cic. International, and Signor Giovanni Malagodi, president of the Italian Liberal Party.

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, March 20
Mr Gaston Thorn, the Prime
Minister of Luxembourg, said
here yesterday that he hoped
Spain would soon join the EEC.
Speaking on his arrival at Madrid's airport, he said: "I liberalism was not a thing of the past.
Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister, flew in for the congress but was unable to stay because of the everything is right for Spain to join."
He added: "Naturally I speak for myself and not in the name of all the members of the BEC, but I do think this is a general opinion."

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Before leaving Herr Genscher spent an hour with Señor Suárez, the Spanish Prime Minister, and lunched with Señor Marcelino Oreja, the Foreign Minister. Just before his departure he called on King Juan Carlos, with whom he Juan Carlos, with whom he presumably discussed the King's proposed visit to West Germany next month. ext month. president of A message from Mr Trudeau, Socialist Party.

was also read to the congress, in which he said: "Our admiration for the Spaniards in their efforts for democratic freedom is unlimited."

Another letter read to the estimated 2,000 attendance at the opening session was from a

the opening session was from a Soviet dissident, Miss Ludmila Alexeeva. She referred to civil rights as "the only guarantes of peace in the world".

The state-run Spanish televi-

sion network, which is domi-nated by conservatives, broad-cast, to the surprise of many, a 20-minute interview last night with Señor Felipe Gonzalez, secretary-general of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE). The network had made its first important concession to the left earlier in the week by transmitting an interview with Senor Enrique Tierno Galvin, president of the Popular

### Export council crisis over lack of funds

The British Agricultural Export Council was shorn of much of its strength on Friday when attempts falled to double its budget to £150,000. Members who attended an extraordinary meeting of the council at the London head-quarters of the Royal Agricultural Society decided to form a committee to tell them what to do next.

Lord Glenkinglas, chairman of the council, aunounced his resignation. He said: "It is four years' hard work down the draim. It is so bloody silly, it is unbelievable." He added later: "I do not believe this is now a viable operation." Mr Dean Swift, deputy chairman of the council, said that he would resign as well. He quoted a passage which appeared in this column in Mirch and described the key role held by the British Agricultural Council in the fate of the export council.

It expressed the suspicion that the agricultural council might seek the demise of the export council by offering inadequate money so as to become the national export promoter itself: "That I found extremely valid." Mr Swift said.

The British Agricultural Council is an association of farming unions, landowners' lobbles, marketing boards and cooperative groups of which little is heard. Mr Richard Butler, deputy president of the National Farmers' Union, is chairman of the council's "continuity group".

Agriculture

**Hugh Clayton** 

He was present at last Friday's meeting. He had been sent a copy of a letter which Lord Glenkin-glas wrote to Sir Heary Plumb, president of the NFU, last Thurs-

resident of the NFU, last Thursday.

Lord Glenkinglas told Sir Henry that the export council had wan assurances about money which would give it the income prescribed for the coming year as long as the Government and the farming industry paid their shares. The industry was represented in that instance by the British Agricultural Corporation.

"I assume", Lord Glenkinglas continued, "that I may tell Friday's extraordinary general meeting that the farming industry's share will be forthcoming, but should be grateful for your confirmation."

He told reporters after the meet-

enfirmation."

He told reporters after the meeting that difficulties had arisen because some of the money considered by his council to be secure for the coming year would be derived from charges for services and not subscriptions, "I was told at one o'clock by Richard Butler that as he has not got £70,000

through straight subscriptions, we were to get nothing."

A statement about finding a doubled hudget for the export council was issued by Mr Butler in mid-February. It said: "The BAC said that £35,000 of this money would be contributed by the farming industry provided that both the ancillary industries and the Government contributed similar sums.

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"The balance of the proposed budget would be contributed by members' subscriptions to the British Aericultural Export Council, and by fees charged for work done."

Air Butler told reporters on Friday that the BAC's difficulties had been "laid on one side at the moment". His most significant answer was to a question about the nature of any future promotional body for British farm produce abread. "We should hope to see it kult in with any promotional body for this county", he said.

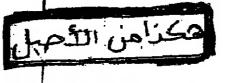
Lord Genkinglas called the BAC a talking shop," which had behaved "absolutely abominably". Of the 535,000 which had been secured in the three preceding weeks "not more than \$1,000 came from anything to do with BAC."

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with BAC."
Certrinly the BAC should be persuaded to emilain policy about farm promotions at home and chood. Until it does so, susticion will remain that it engineered the collapse of the export council for reasons of self-interest alone.

at Glasgow, Belfast, Leeds, Manchester, Birmingham, Cambridge, Bristol, London West End. Croydon or Tottenham offices; or Joan Swailes, Information Section, ECGD, Aldermanbury House, London EC2P 2EL. (Tel: 01-606 6699. Extr. 258).

To make an appointment or for information contact the Information Officer, Export Credits Guarantee Department—quoting reference TI



# overseas Coverseas Coverseas Coverseas Karachi under curfew Seize Seize 300 antique weekend of rioting

From Hassan Akhtar Rawalpindi, March 20

Curfew was reimposed this afternoon for an indefinite period on two districts of Karachi, the mainly industrial labour centres which were the scene of violent rioting and clashes with police yesterday. The curiew was lifted for four hours after midday today to allow people to do essential shopping and attend to neces-sary domestic chores.

The Army took control of the west and east districts of Karachi yesterday when the civil administration was unable to cope with the arson and violence. On Friday and Saturday about 35 people were re-ported dead in police firings and factional killings.

Several deaths were also reported from Hyderabad, 120 miles from Karachi in the interior of Sind province. The Government has now

organized the civil disobedience movement after their defeat in the national elections of March They include Air Marshel Asghar Khan; Professor Ghafur Ahmad, secretary general of the alliance; and Professor Azam Faruqi. Begum Wali Khan was also reported to be arrested but the official list does not include her name. All these opposition leaders won seats in the National Assembly

in the elections.

Press reports from Karachi and other troubled centres are reported to be subject to government censorship but the Army, using armoured cars and tanks, is said to have moved into several towns. There have been further reports of attempts to break the curiew restrictions being foiled by troops, and police have used tear gas in dispersing public demonstrations in different parts of Pakistan.

Educational institutions have arrested most members of the central committee of the Pakistan National Alliance of nine opposition parties which

### Germans resist US over atom deal

By Pearce Wright

Science Correspondent The West Germany industry is flercely resisting pressure from the United States to rescind a contract to build a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant in Brazil as part of an arrangement that also includes construction of a group of nuclear power stations.

The Germans are rejecting accusations that they are putting weapons technology at the disposal of the Brazilians. In which allows countries to developing they accusations that they are putting weapons technology at the disposal of the Brazilians. In which allows countries to developing they accusations that they are putting weapons technology at the disposal of the Brazilians. In which allows countries to developing they are putting they accuse the Americans

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Indeed a rebuke is offered to the United States for trying to restrict the number of countries with access to nuclear fuel

The Germans argue that coun-

of the non-proliferation treaty, which allows countries to develop nuclear technology for peaceful purposes. This provision does not exclude the technology for reprocessing

This response to talks between West Germany and the United States is outlined in a briefing document from Kernbreanstoff-kreislauf, the recently formed trade association of German nuclear firms.

# objects

Prom Norman Hammond

San Francisco, March 20
One of the largest hauls of smuggled pre-Colombian American antiquities ever seized by the United States customs has been identified this week in San Francisco. The material is believed to have been stolen from museums and private collections, rather than recently looted from archaeological sites. More than 300 objects have been seized, mostly pottery vessels and figurines, but also

vessels, and figurines, but also some stone statuettes, and a number of fakes. It is these forgeries, as well as the fact that some of the pieces have been expertly mended, that suggest robbery from museums rather than looting.

Professor Karen Bruhus, of San Francisco State University. San Francisco State University, an expert on ancient Central

and South American archae-ology, who was called in by customs to identify the material, said today: "Much of the collection is of very high quality, and the objects seem to have been specially selected." The bulk of the material originated in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama, although other objects came from as far

apare as Peru, and the west coast of Mexico. The stone statuentes are of Nicaraguan and Costs Rican types and three jade pecklaces are also believed to be from Costa Rica.

The antiquities were seized in Placerville, northern Cali-fornia, 150 miles north-east of San Francisco, after several days surveillance by customs agents. It is an offence to import archaeological material from a number of countries in Lana America with which the United States has treaties.

Customs suspect a further offence, as the collection contains the skin of an oceiot, a member of the jaguar family, which, as an endangered species is protected from commercial exploitation.

Shah pardons 653 Teheran, March 20.-The

Shah of Iran has pardoned 653 prisoners, including 91 con-victed of anti-state activities, to mark the Persian New Year



Dr Castro receives a spear, a traditional African gift to a warrior, during his visit to an agricultural school in Tanzania. President Nyerere is on the right in the white hat.

### Dr Castro's helping hand wins African hearts

From Nicholas Ashford Dar es Salaam, March 20

The day was so hot that the perspiration dripped from the peak of Dr Fidel Castro's forage cap as he spoke to a group of Tanzanian national servicemen and Cuban techniservicemen and Cuban techni-cians at an agricultural school.

"We are poor, but Tanzanig is poorer", the Cuban Prime Minister told his audience.

"We would like to help you more but we cannot because our resources are preoccupied in Aprola"

in Angola."

Dr Castro, dressed in army fatigues with a pistol at his hip, had arrived earlier in the morning at Ruvu agricultural school to inspect part of Cuba's aid programme to Tanzania. He chatted with Cuban construction workers and doctors, toured the almost complete huilding and then est pleted building, and then sat

pleted building, and then sat down for yet another exhibition of tribal dancing.

Caba is building three such agricultural schools in Tanzania, reputedly at a cost of £1,600,000 each. Its aid programme to Tanzania also in
the role of Cuban troops in the arrival is seen as the beginning of a communist-backed offer-tive against the white-ruled regimes in the south.

Tanzania's relationship with the one it has wish the Soviet dental. Dr Castro was touring northern Africa and appears to

cludes 50 Cuban doctors, a cattle arrificial insemination day at the start of an African tour which will also take in plantation. Some Western Zambia and Mozambique. scheme and a projected sugar plantation. Some Western diplomats claim there are 200 Cuban military advisers in the country, although this is denied by the Tanzanians.

Cuba's programme is modest compared with those of meny other countries which are helping Tanzania, but it is the one which the Tanzanians appreciate most. "Cubz is a very close friend", an official spokesman said. "It is a small. Third World country, but it has done everything possible to

has done everything possible to aid our development."

Relations between the two countries, which have been cordial for a number of years, were consolidated during a visit to Havana by President Nyerere in 1974. Since then the role of Cuban troops in the Angolan conflict has trans-

Whereas Cuba is portrayed as the poor but hopest friend, the Soviet Union is seen as a large, powerful nation whose main interests in this part of the world are in outmanoeuvr-

While Coba is prepared to share what kucle it has, the Soviet Union's aid to Tanzania has so far been almost negligible. They have given us nothing worth talking about the official spokesman said.

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ing the Americans and the

president Podgorny will be victing southern Africa at the caused palpitations in Salisbury and Cape Town. Their arrival is seen as the beginning of a communist-backed offen-

have decided only at the last minute to travel southwards. Certainly his programme in Tanzania seems to have been organized very hurriedly. The Soviet Union, on

other thand, announced last year that President Podgorny would be visiting southern Africa in early 1977. Significantly, his tour has not been given much advance publicity Tanzania, Zambia

While in Tanzania President Podgorny is expected to sign agreements increasing the level of Soviet aid.

Lusaka, March 20.—Dr Castro will visit Zambia during his African tour, a government spokesman announced today. Informed sources said the Cuban Prime Minister would have talks with President Kaunda and was likely to meet leaders of the Rhodesian Patriotic Front. Cuban and Zambian flags were flying in the streets of Lusaka today.—

Agence France-Presse. Agence France-Presse.

Black man's burden, page 14

### **Equality for** all aim of new party in Pretoria

Cape Town, March 20.—Two opposition political parties last night said they intended to form a new party on the basis of equal rights for all racial groups in South Africa. A joint declaration was issued

by Sir de Villiers Graaff, leader of the United Party, and Mr Theo Gardener, of the tiny Democratic Party. The United Party is the biggest opposition group in the House of Assembly. The declaration's list of priorities includes: The immediate repeal of laws and administrative measures which dis-criminate against communities on the basis of race and colour; the extension to all cirizens of full civil and political rights the establishment of equal pay for equal work.

Previous plans to unite the white opposition parties in white opposition parties in South Africa foundered last month over whether the country should ultimately be ruled by its black majority.

The United and Democratic

parties were then involved in talks with the liberal-leaning Progressive Reform Party (PRP). Informed sources said at the time that while the PRP supported a concept of blacks

supported a concept of blacks and whites sharing power at all levels, the United Party wanted a built-in guarantee against black majority rule.

The declaration issued last night said: "Politically, all citizens will share a common loyalty to South Africa, have equitable and responsible participation in decision-making and be safeguarded against domination of any group by domination of any group by another group." —Reuter.

Johannesburg, March 20.— The Very Rev T. S. Farisani, a leading black churchman and former president of the militant Black People's Convention, has been detained by security police, the Weskend World newspaper reported today. A dean of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, he was reportedly arrested after a morning church service. Books and files were seized.—Agence France-

### Discipline in school praised by Prince

Accra, March 20.-The Prince of Wales said here that one of the main priorities of a civilized education should be the deveopment of a sense of discipline. "The need for corporate discipline and the restriction of individual liberty by the state would be correspondingly reduced if as many human beings self-awareness during their edu-

Prince Charles was speaking at a banquet organized by former students of Achimota School to mark its golden jubilee celebration. The Prince arrived in Ghana on Thursday for an eight-day visit. He con-ferred on Friday with General Acheampong, the Head of State, and later attended Achimots School's grand assembly.—

### Argentine confirms his bid for Falklands company

From Andrew Tarnowski Buenos Aires, March 20

The leader of a powerful Argentine business group, reported here 17 days ago to be negotiating for the purchase of the Falkland Islands Company, today reiterated that negotiations were under way at the highest company level.
Señor Hector Francisco
Capozzolo, aged 54, made the

confirmation in an advertise-ment published in newspapers It said that "responsible negotiations at the highest company level, absolutely pri-vate", were under way at this moment. But, it added, irre-sponsible rumours and allegations could endanger success. Senor Capozzolo heads the Arbol Solo group, which has interests in banks, steel plants, an oil refinery and extensive cattle ranches. Among them

are the former properties of Bovril Argentina, which he bought from Charrington Industrial Holdings, the British group controlling the Falkland Islands Company. The weekly news magazine

Somos reported that Seffor Capozzolo has recently been in "According to all those con-

plete the purchase", the mag-Government, obviously, is not going to say yes immediately because of a question of principles. . . . But the Shackleton report was disastron for the presentions of the Follows pretensions of the Falkland Islands Company to exploit the The first report of Senor Capozzolo's bid, published here on March 3, brought a denial from the company in London.

### Antarctic cooperation threatened

Antarctica is in danger of losing its enviable status as one of the few areas of the world free from political dispute. The carefully nuctured spirit of interpretable scientific indications point to Seven of the 12 (Britain spirit of international coopera-tion which has existed until now is in jeopardy, because of the growing awareness that the continent, which is one and a usif times the size of Europe, possesses economically exploi-

Last week the 12 countries who signed the Antarctic Treaty of 1959 met in London to prepare for what may be the most important conference on the Antarctic since the treaty came into force. It will be held in September, in

The conference, the ninth biennial meeting of the 12 treaty powers, will be held in private, as have all the others, ore exists in others. The prenot even the agenda being sence of other valuable minmade public. It is certain, however, that an attempt will be to scientists, and traces of 
made to reach agreement on some have been found.

oil has yet taken place, all the scientific indications point to there being vast offshore

fields.

The krill is of even greater potential significance. A tiny, shrimp-like crustacean, it is exceptionally rich in protein. Ten krills have as much protein as ½lb of steak. The most conservative estimate suggests that at least 50 millien tonnes of krill can be fished appually of krill can be fished annually without dangerously depleting-the stock. The total catch of all fish in the world in 1974

was only slightly more—about 60 million tonnes.
On lead, the Russians are reported as having found a "mountain" of iron ore in one area, and indications that iron ore exists in others. The pre-

Seven of the 12 (Britain, Australia, New Zealand, France, Norway, Argentina and Chile) have territorial claims to slices of the Amarchic. The 1959 treaty froze those claims for 30 years. The British, Argentine and Chilean claims overlap to a large extent, and are an obvious source of pos-sible focure political conflict. The other five states (United States, Russia, Japan, South-Africa and Belgium) have no

Africa and Belgium) have no claims of their own, and do not recognize those of others.

The resources of Antarctica have antarcted growing interest, particularly in the Third World, where it is argued that Antarctica forms part of the "common heritage of mankind" and the benefits from it should be shared by all, with concentration on the all, with concentration on the

# Hongkong scorns Taiwan

The Hongkong authorities dismiss as futile a telegram to Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, by the Teiwan Free China Relief

The colony's controversial decision in late 1974 to return forcibly to China illegal immigrants, including the so-called freedom-swimmers.", made after consultation between Hongkong and Whitehall and was welcomed by Peking. No one bere believes there is the

In any event the new Taiwan approach is regarded as hypo-

critical because the Chinese Nationalist enthorities have always been rejuctant to let in illegal immigrants who wished to return to Taiwan after being accepted in Hongkong. found three sacks of the drug Last year, when results 1220hs Reuter. Last year, when results 1220hs Reuter. rineapple plantation. They

imprisonment in China, most of them expected to proceed to Taiwan to rejoin their families, but all were refused admittance. One Nationalist general hanged

tions on humanitarian grounds. One last week was for a woman was still a sanctuary. Hongkong has returned 2,174

freedom swimmers to China since the ban on illegal immigrants was imposed.

Reciprocating unofficially, China has begun to restrict visas for people wanting to enter Hongkong legally, mostly elderly people, known as "use-less mouths", who were be-coming a burden on Hongkong's housing and social services. More than 33,000 arrived legally in 1974; 26,000 in 1975,

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Australian race driver dies from injuries Melbourne, March 20.—Max Stewart, an Australian racing driver, died early today from injuries received yesterday at the Calder raceway, a hospital

spokesman said. Stewart suffered head and body injuries when his Lola T400 crashed into the rear of a car driven by Vern Schuppan, another Australian, during practice for today's Formula 5000 race. Schuppan was not hurt but rescue teams took 20 minutes to free Stewart from

According to race officials, Siewart, a three-time winner of the Australian Grand Prix was driving at about 95 mph and Schuppan was pulling up at the time.-Reuter.

Record haul of heroin Penang, March 20.—Malaysian customs officials have seized a record haul of heroin worth about £1,500,000 in a raid on a

### plea on refugees From Our Correspondent Kummintang generals after long

Hongkong, March 20

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Chinese refugees to the mainland."

slightest prospect, of any

who managed to cross the border to rejoin her husband who had himself entered the colony illegally when Hongkong

### Zaire Army has retaken town from invading forces, President Mobutu claims

Kinshasa, March 20.—The Zaire Army has retaken the southern town of Kasaji, which had been occupied by invasion forces from Angola, President Mobutu Sese Seko announced on television here last night. This indicated that the invasion force of former Katangese gendarmes had fallen back toward the Angola-Zaire border town of Dilolo.

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Kasaji is on the railway which runs from the Angolan port of Benguela to the city of Lumumbashi (formerly Elizabethville) in Shaba, the southern province of Zaire formerly brown as Katanga

em province of Zaire formerly known as Katanga.

It is more than 60 miles east of the Dilolo border post. A few days ago, the invaders were reported to be in the area of Mushatsha, a village on the railway line a farther 60 miles east of Kasaii. east of Kasaji. President Mobutu went on an

inspection visit vesterday to the Shaba city of Kolwezi, a copper-minios centre also on the Benguela railway about

on deposed

Mr Alphonse Massamba-Debat and some of his support-ers are being interrogated by members of the 11-man mili-

tary committee set up to run the country. Mr Massamba-Debat was ousted as head of

State by the Army in 1968. Major Ngousbi came to power four months later and changed the pation's ideological direc-

The Congolese radio said today that Mr Massamba-Debat and what it said were his sup-

porters in Paris, would pay for the assessination "with the same blood money because we intend to cut off the heads of all enemies of the revolution".

The radio said the four-man

assassination squad bad been led by Captain Berthelemy Kikadidi who had escaped. It

appealed to the public for in-formation about him.

It said two of the assassions were killed in a gun battle after President Ngouabi was shot down at his residence in the military high command compound in Brazzaville. It did not mention the fate of the fourth assassin.

In an account of the assassination, the radio said the four men passed through two check-points in a car at the military

Captain Kikadidi passed him-

self off as an officer recently

returned from the Soviet Union. He said he was on offi-

As soon as Major Ngouabi

appeared there was an exchange of automatic pistol

fire and the President col-lapsed, fatally wounded. President Nyerere of Tau-

zania and President Kaunda of.

Zambia both expressed their shock at the assassination today. Dr Kaunda said the

assassins were "in the pay of imperialists and their agents" and should be bunted down.

Meanwhile the military com-

mittee issued a communique banning gatherings of more than five people. It warned

"troublemakers" that any demonstrations aimed at dis-

rupting public order would be

"rigorously put down". The dusk-to-dawn curfew imposed

yesterday would also remain in

force.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

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president

20.-The halfway between Dilolo and he had been in contact with Lumumbashi. He was accompanied by foreign journalists. The journalists reported that the President claimed the attack was designed to damage

the Zaire economy.

President Mobutu recalled that an attack by mercenaries had been made against his country in 1967 when a plan for economic improvement was being carried out with the help of the International Monetary Fund: He was referring to an uprising of mostly European mercenaries in the east.

He was quoted as saying: This year again as I have completed a plan for economic im-provement, Zaire is once more under aggression by mer-

In Brussels, Mr Jean Tshombe, Moise Tshombe's son, was quoted today as saying that Cubans were not involved in the incursion into Zaire from Angola.

He told the Erussels newspaper La Libre Belgique that

Luanda, the capital of Angola. It was clear, he said, that the Cubans "are certainly not taking part in the operation".

The people responsible for the incursion were almost certainly the former gendarmes who had supported his father's attempt to set up an indepen-dent state of Katanga in the 1960s. The gendarmes were hop-ing to "bring to an end a regime no longer wanted by the people of Zaire."

the people of Zaire."
In Dakar, the pro-Government Senegalese daily Le Soleil said that the events in Zaire amounted to a challenge to the Organisation of African Unity. "It is high time for the OAU to rise above its divisions, to put aside its backroom squabbling, and to emerge from its lethargy to face up to the basic problems, which are no longer problems, which are no longer only those of decolonization and liberation in this part of the world."—Agence France-Presse,

AP and Reuter.

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### Prisoners of | A tasty dish conscience



### Paraguay:

Calixto Ramirez By David Watts came to power in Paraguay in a coup in 1954, has maintained a state of emergency ever since, lifting the restrictions only at election time when his re-election is assured through a carefully amended constitution. Large numbers of people are arrested whenever the Govern-

ment perceives an alleged com-munist threat. Those involved are usually released shortly afterwards. But there are an estimated 450 long-term prison-ers, who include Señor Calixto Ramirez, a peasant farmer and member of the ruling Colorado Party. Señor Ramirez was

After his arrest Senor Ramirez was brutally tortured at the political police headquarters in Asunción. He has been frequently transferred from one police station to another and is presently held in Emboscada, a new prison camp near Asunprisoners have been transferred

recently.

Señor Ramírez, who is married and has one child, has gone on at least four hunger strikes in procest. In 1972 he joined with

However, he also promised—and will doubtless repeat the pledge to Mr Fukuda—that he would not take any action that would jeopardize Japanese has been denied medical treatment.

# for Fukuda visit

From Patrick Brogan

Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Prime Minister of Japan, is arriving Brazzaville, March 20.-The here tonight and will be Congolese authorities have arrested a former head of state whom they have blamed for the assassination of President Marien Ngouabi on Friday. welcomed formally to Washington by President Carter

Mr Fukuda is Japan's elder statesman. Mr Carter was a member of the Trilateral Commission, an organization devoted to improving relations between North America, Japan and western Europe. Thus, the President has at least some knowledge of-Japan and interest in its affairs.

This is cherry blossom time, when the trees presented to Washington by the Japanese 50 years ago, burst into bloom. After the usual welcoming ceremonies outside the White House, the two statesmen will begin their serious discussions.

at Seattle on his way here, Mr Fukada told reporters that unless the United States,

great deal of hostility and will

not be accepted by the com-munities around Kennedy air-

port, Mrs Florence Shustack said.

accountant living in the New

York borough of Queens, added: "It would only add to

what we are going through already, when we can't even

watch a television programme in peace. Why should we have to telerate the fact that a few

wealthy men want to save an hour or two of their time?"

This statement is typical of the opposition to Concorde landings that has grown in New York's eastern suburbs. Mrs Shustack was speaking at a newsagents' shop in Howard Beach, a neighbourhood right

on the edge of the airport, and as she spoke Mrs Mary Smith, standing behind the counter, nodded her agreement.

Mrs Shustack, the wife of an

nations can recover, the whole world economy will decline". The American Government announced last week that it intended to help American industry to recovery by increas-

ing import tarifis on Japanese television sets. Mr Fukuda cannot be expected to consider this a very suitable policy, but since Japan had a trade surplus of \$5,360m (about £3,340m) with the United States last year, he will be prepared to examine

American demands that some-thing must be done to lessen it. The discussions between the two leaders will be devoted largely to the London summit in May and to security questions such as the possible withdrawal of American troops from South Korea. Mr Carter often said during the election campaign last year that he would reduce troop levels or even pull out all the forces.

People plagued by aircraft noise want no further

discomfort but the hostility is not universal

SPORT-

Rugby Union

### as Welsh cook Scottish goose

Rugby Correspondent

Wales finally cooked the Scottish Wales finally cooked the Scottish goose at Murrayfield on Saturlay with a try, superbly created out of defence, which they may recall with pleasure in their domge. So the triple crown was theirs again, with victory by 18—9 in a fierce and tomliy absorbing contest in which both teams won kudos. Scotland, who brought it to a spectacular climax as they threw in everything, were left to reflect that all of the last nine Weish points sprang from their own mistakes.

mistakes.

Although two penalty kicks by Bennett rebounded from the posts, a brave Scottish side, playing as expansively as they have done for years, and producing their finest performance of this championship, must have felt that on the run of the game they had done enough to earn a draw. But the writing was on the wall once this resilient Welsh team had nosed in front, with the wind at their backs, and

was on the wall once this resilient Welsh team had nosed in front, with the wind at their backs, and they held on firmly to win by two goals and two penalty goals to a 20al and a penalty goals to a 20al and two penalty goals to a 20al and two penalty goals to a 20al and two penalty goals to a condition the welsh 25 and kicked straight down the middle into space. Shedden had time to kick for touch but, having allowed itimself to be nailed by J. P. R. Williams, he slipped a high pass that Cranston knocked on on his goal line. To make things worse, Gerald Davies was obstructed and Scotland felled to release the ball after a tackle. So instead of yielding a scrummage, Scotland presented three penalty points kicked at the shortest range by Bennett.

A few minutes later, McGeeclan missed what looked to be a 3—2 overlap on the right, whereupon an Irvine chip, precisely executed, touched off the fuse for Weish genius. J. P. R. Williams made a rock-like save and, though knocked over by Carmichael, somehow fed cleanly to Fenwick, who ran flat across his posts before giving to Gerald Davies. Two dazzing sidesteps and a stern band-off straightened up the line, leaving three would-be tacklers clutching at thin air, and there was Bennett. sprinning away up the right and

Bennett leaves Gammell and McLauchlan on the way to a brilliant try, giving a pass to Burcher that may or may not have been forward.

Now, as Scottish cover homed across, the Welsh centre bowled at clever, under-arm pass inside that Fedwick, under acute pressure, brilliantly flicked on to Bennett. With one conclusive side-step and swerve Bennett left the last two tacklers and shot clear to the posts. It was a lethal thrust, magnificently done, and Bennett with the simplest of gual kicks supplied the last twist.

How different the early picture, when McGeechan's left foot at once landed a 35 yards dropped goal behind a ruck set up by Biggar from the scrummage. Although Bennet soon landed a fine penalty from 10 yards farther out on the right, by the second quarter the Scittleh forwards were spilling the ball out of ruck upon ruck, and the creative McGeechan on three occasions glided and jinked through inside his man. In the centre, Renwick looked sharp, Creation powerful and uncomplicated, and the ubiquitous Irvine hungry for the slightest chance. Wales, their defence holding, could be grateful at that stage for the superlative line kicking of Bennett.

Wales, running distinctly short of most set piece possession, but but overall Madsen took three strikes off Windsor against the head—which might be bad news for the Lions' tour aspirations of Clive Williams, now facing the throsty Carmichael. At loose head, McLauchan announced his return to Scottish ranks with a rumbust-

McLauchian announced his return to Scottish ranks with a rumbustion of effective display.

He may yet be summering in New Zealand and in that event could be a candidate for the Lions captaincy.

A restrained Edwards, whose licking—by his own high standards—was inconsistent, rarely had the platform to satisfy him. Morgan, busy and sturdy, kicked shrewtly, had more opportunity to display his vision of the game and may have enhanced his claim for a Lions place. So, on the Scottish wing, did Gammell, with an all round game of strength and good sense.

It was 3—3 at the interval, Bennett to his evident chagrin just having missed a most kickable penalty as well as having given a bad pass to Davies as Wales developed attacking rhythm. Then, when Wales switched direction. J. J. Williams spoiled things by dropping a pass directed at his navel.

Scotland regained the lead shortly afterwards when Morgan ran flat from a sound scrummage base and the scissoring Renwick, having accelerated through the middle, gave to Irrine on his right. The full back looked covered, but he stabbed inside past three defenders for a try that he himself converted from

past three defenders for a try that he himself converted from under the posts.

That was a rousing good score, as was the first Welsh try that followed it. This, too, came from a scrummage ball, Burcher making a scrummage ball, Burcher making a dummy run on one side betor. Edwards switched to the left. The ball went swiftly and accurately via Bennett, Fenwick and J. P. R. Williams for J. J. Williams to outflank the defence, and for Bennett to convert from far out.

Then came the conclusiva Welsh scoring, as aiready described, and the last desperate Scottish sailies, often from tapped penalties, with Irvine always in the van. Apart from one knock on of a rolling ball. Irvine had been as safe as the Bank of Scotland.

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SCOTLAND: A. R. Ivine (Herlots IP): W. S. B. Cantanoll (Edinaural Wandersen, J. M. Tomwick (H. Wert, A. G. Cranston, Hawlick). D. Shedden (Victor) (Scotland). I. R. Michael (Haudingley, Caplain). D. M. Muren (Maddingley, Caplain). D. M. Muren (Golorith, A. B. Carmich, I. Well and Hardingley, Caplain). D. F. Madsen (Golorith, A. B. Carmich, I. Well and Hawlich). A. F. Michael (London Scotland). A. Barnas (Hawlich). A. F. Michael (London Scotland). A. F. Michael (London Scotland). M. S. Watson (Borogramur).

WALES: J. P. R. Williams (Bridgend: T. G. R. Davies (Carmir). A. F. Tomwick (Bridgend: D. H. Burcher, INSWIPPIT, J. J. Williams (Landli); P. Bennett (Landli), capitain, G. O. Edwards (Carmir). C. Milliams (Ab. Chorthon). The Charles (Landli) (Pontypool). D. L. Milliams (Ab. Chorthon). The Colorer (Pontypool). D. L. Milliams (Ab. Chorthon). The Colorer (Pontypool). D. L. Milliams (R. L. Burgers) (Ebby Vale).

Final table

giving a pass to Burcher that may

### Congo killing Washington in blossom Party. Señor Ramirez was arrested 12 years ago. allegedly for refusing to sell sugar cane to the authorities at cut prices. He has never been charged or Japan, West Germany and other

Washington, March 20

tomorrow.

When his aeroplane stopped

Why New Yorkers fear Concorde

of Cross-Bay Boulevard, and the Shellback Basin, a narrow strip of water lined with

Yet almost as significant as

Mrs Shustack's remarks was

the hurried comment of a young man who came into the shop while we were talking, bought a copy of Playboy, and refused to give his name. He said that he certainly thought

Concorde should be allowed in. He accused Mrs Smith of

wanting to take advantage of

the economic benefits of the airport without accepting the disadvantages. Many of the houses in the area had been

built since the airport's con-

struction, so that the residents could have known what to

other long-term prisoners in a hunger strike which ended after 90 days when the authorities assured them that they would be released. In July, 1974, Seuor Ramirez again went on bunger strike. He and other prisoners wrote to the Minister of the Interior asking to be released or allowed to go into exile, but without results.
Repeated hunger strikes, harsh conditions and maltreat-

ment have seriously affected Senor Ramirez's health. He has a lung ailment, partial paralysis

store and a shop selling spare parts for cars, I found more people opposed than in favour.

It is clear that the local people are tired of the discom-

ort they already suffer from

living near the airport, and

think Concorde would make it worse. Almost all the com-

plaints I heard concerned present problems such as the

deafening noise and the dirt

At the same time several

from exhaust fumes, and few were to do with Concorde itself.

people, mostly men, were in-trigued by the notion of flying

at twice the speed of sound

and some commented that pro-

mitted that they would like a trial period for Concorde land-

ings to see whether the aircraft was as noisy as it has been re-

ported—a trial that has so far been refused by the Port Authority of New York and

When pressed, some even ad-

gress could not be stopped.

### French reign by rejecting their heritage mentioned. Penalties by Gibson and Quinn Dublin, March 20

wales, running distinctly short

Wales, running distlactly short of good set piece possession, but mauling the better, were frustrated by collapsed scrummages, by penalties in attacking positions, and, at the lineaut, by the productive operations of McHarg, who gave Martin a difficult afternoon. The scrummaging story was curious. In the first half Wales frequently swung their opponents,

national rugby champions which could last through next season and possibly much longer when they beat Ireland here yesterday. All of France's remaining ambitions were fulfilled as they won

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Yorkers fear Concorde

we spoke a jet came over every few minuses, passing over the neat, detached middle-class houses, the broad thoroughfare of Cross-Bay Boulevard, in an achieved with the same 15 players.

Italian delicatessen, a health food achieved with the same 15 players.

Acclaim and bouquets, therefore, should not be stined area. Acclaim and bouquets, therefore, should not be stinted even if France's triumphant winter has brought quibbles and some regret, too, in its wake. Any realistic appraisal of the French season has to note that they have dominated the championship by rejecting their rugby heritage.

Prime emphasis for the first time has been put on disciplined

forwards. There has been an danger of a French defeat, but almost complete avoidance of the flamboyant handling of bygone eras which brought its share of disasters as well as some specticular wins. Playing strictly to one's strength has hitherto been a trait more common to the four at least Ireland at the end of an home countries, and in the aras which brought its share of a disasters as well as some spectacular wins. Playing strictly to one's strength has hitherto been a trait more common to the four home countries, and in the southern hemisphere, than to the French. Now they, too, have succumbed to the influences of the present age when victory transcends all else.

In the years ahead it will be the names of all eight of France's superlative pack which will roil off the tongue nostalgically when the 1976-77 grand slam is recalled. Their backs in this context bare been anonymous with the possible exception of Fouroux, whose captaincy has meant far more to his team than his inconsistencies at scrum half.

This was centainly the case at Lansdowne Road in the face of

Lansdowne Road in the face of some combatative and spirited Jrish play. France bod to keep their covering tight; possession was kicked away; and tucking had to remain sure and tenacious, with the country to the country. with caution the keynote to the end. It was the same pattern which has formed the basis of this

unhappy season of four defeats can extract a little satisfaction.

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It was a hard uncompromising game, with the guilt for the most blatact of the physical transgressions between the forwards being equally shared. Buggan won Ireland a far greater share of the lineout ball than had been expected; Slattery was always prominent and Steele as a flanker contributed more to an exhibitating display by the Irish forwards than had been predicted be might do. Robbie's departure after six minutes with a suspected broken ankle was a cruel blow for Ireland as well as for Robbie's own chances of selection for the Lions.

Among the backs Quinn per-Among the backs Quinn per-formed wonders in defence and McLennau with limited chances made a good first impression. For France Paparemborde and Paco especially caught the eye this time among the pack and sound defen-sive work by the wingers, Averous

Penalties by Gibson and Quinn with one in reply from Romeu put Ireland 5—3 ahead at half time. Aguirre kicked two penalties in the second half and in between them came the game's only try: one of those sudden kinges in counter-attack in which the French specialize. From broken play in the French 25, Aguirre burst away for 43 yards; then came a long pass to Paco, who carried on the movement, before Bastlar completed the try before Bastiat completed the try which Aguirre converted.

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FRANCE: J-M. Aquirro (Psignbren:
D. Harte (Toulouse) R. Bertrance
(Rasprent: F. Sancaill (Netherne)
J-L. Averous (La Voulle): J-P. Rer (Montherrand: J. Fourous)
(Montherrand: J. Fourous)
(Bézlors: R. Paparemborde (Pau)
J-F. Imbernon (Persignan): M. Paimie
(Bézlors: J-P. Rives (Toulouse); J-P.
Rives (Toulouse); J-P. Bastlat (Dali)
J-C. Sirula (Toulouse);
Ruferee: A. Moale (Scotland).

### Army pack keep RAF in the last tournament place

By Michael Hardy

The Navy having already won the Services tournament, it was left to Saturday's game at Twickenham to decide who should come last. In the event, it was the RAF, for the second year running, but the Army did not have things all their own way in winning by a goal, a try, and three penalty goals (19pts) to a try and three penalty goals (13).

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There was a time mid-way through the first half, when the Army, then leading by 16—3, looked as though they would walk away with the match. Orwin, however, with one prodigious effort from 50 yards among the three penalties he kicked, kept the RAF in touch. Hickey, a lively flank forward, charged down an Army defensive kick from a five-yard scrummage and grabbed him-

self a try on the rehound. And in the end it was the RAF, with the wind behind them, who looked

gyrations in seeking to avoid the Army flank forwards sometimes recalled the mythical bird that wind behind them, who looked the more likely to score.

The forwards were evenly matched, with a slight edge for the RAF in the line-outs, but it was notable that the Army pack, in the period of late pressure by their opponents, could still summon up the strength to push the RAF off a ball they had won in a five-yard scrummage.

It was in the backs that the Army had what little advantage there was between the two teoms. At stand-off, Drummond—and how long is it since the Royal Army Chaplains were represented at Twickenbam?—had the great merit of keeping his thin red line going without recourse to kicking. At stand-off, Drummond—and how long is it since the Royal Army Chaplains were represented at Twickenham?—had the great merit of keeping his tith red line going without recourse to kicking. If his own inventiveness appeared limited, he at least achieved more than his opposite number, whose line and was unaccountably not tackled, so that he was left with the comparatively simple task of

who converted this try, also kicked ARMY: Capt C. I. Greve I Duke of Wellington's Regit; Cal. D. B. R. ymolds I REME. Lt. W. 3. N. Arkinson I Duke of Wellington's Regit; Cal. D. B. R. ymolds I Duke of Wellington's Regit. S. P. Chehem I'm Light Infantry if R. P. Chehem I'm Capt I Kr. S. Settler Capt I Capt I Kr. S. Settler I Wellington Legal J. M. Bertler I Light I Capt C. L. G. Wright I Regit Capt G. L. G. Wellington's Regit I Duke of Wellington's Regit. L. Set R. Spring (Coldstream Guards).

RAF: Col M. K. Howe (Waddington): Saf W. C. G. Steele (Uwbridon): Cul R. Seward (Brito Norton) Col H. Baity (Brawdy): J Tech S. Rogen (Scampton): Col R. Green (Northol): Cil S. Grey (Usbridge): Col J. B. Green (Northol): Cil S. Grey (Usbridge): Col J. B. Green (Sampton): Sai J. Viccarty (Tedinction): Sei S. Pickering (Scampton): SaC J. Urchin (Brito Norton): J. Tech D. Viccart (St. Mawgain): P. J. Stelley (Halton): Sen Lef G. W. Freich (Norton): Cpt W. W. Jenkins (Malton): Referee: J. A. Short (Scottish RIT)

#### Successor to Archbishop Luwum chosen From Our Correspondent

Nairobi, March 20 The Right Rev Silvano Wani, Bishop of Madi and West Nile, was elected Archbishop of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Boga-Zaire in Kampala at the weekend. He succeeds Archbishop Janani Luwum, who died soon after being arrested in Kampala a month ago after the discovery of a plot to over-throw the Amin regime.

Dr Wani, aged 61, is married with eight children. He comes from the West Nile district, the same area as President Amin's family. He has been Dean of the (Anglican) Church of Uganda since 1974 and Chaplain-General to the Uganda armed forces since 1964. His election by the bishops of the Church of Uganda took place in Namirembe cathedral, Kampala, soon after the bishops had met President Amin. from the West Nile district, the

### Soviet author sees danger to peace in rights drive

on the edge of the airport, and as she spoke Mrs Mary Smith, standing behind the counter, nodded her agreement.

Howard Beach lies under the aircraft approach route, and as

tin Katayev, a prominent Soviet novelist today branded political dissidents as "instigators of war" and said that Western politicians who played bost to them could be judged by the company they kept.

company they kept.

Writing in Pravda, Mr
Katayev, who is 80, identified
no Western leader by name
but his strongly worded commentary seemed primarily
aimed at President Carter, who
met Mr Vladimir Bukovsky,
the exiled dissident, at the
White House three weeks ago.

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At a time when war could mean the death of everything living, the dissidents were inciting one state against another without understanding—or pre-tending not to understand—the frightful game they were playing, he said.

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Moscow, March 20.—Valenin Katayev, a prominent Soviet of war, it would be quite appropriate to recall the sayinstigators of ing that a man in the saying that a man in the sayi the company he keeps." Mr Katayev went on: "The dissidents-cum-failures have dreamt up the question of human rights and made of it an instrument of anti-Sovietism

A Leningrad court yesterday sentenced to labour camp terms two artists accused of painting protest slogans on buildings last year. They were convicted of damaging state property, hooliganism, robbery and receiving stolen goods. According to a Western reporter at the trial, Oleg Volkov, aged 37; was sentenced to kov, aged 37; was semental seven years on "strict regime", and ordered to pay 1,460 roubles (£1,150) damages. Yuli Rubakov, aged 31, was six years on "strict regime".

Vienna, March 20.-Mr Paul Goma, Romania's leading human rights activist, has urged President Ceausescu to come out in support of the Czechoslovak Charter 77 human rights group. In an open letter published In an open letter published here yesterday by the Vienna popular daily, Neue Kronen Zeitung, Mr Goma, an author, aged 42, suggested that the Romanian President should send a personal message to the Czechoslovak authorities backing the charter's signatories.

Mr Goma, whose works have Mr Goma, whose works have been banned in Romania, complained that he had been unable planted that he had been unable to gather signatures for his own letter of solidarity with the Charter movement because Romanians feared reprisals by

attend the follow-up conference to the Helsinki declaration on European security, due to be held in Belgrade in June, "with

protests. In Prague, informed sources said the Czechoslovak authori-

ries have released about thirty people, most of them human

By Nicholas Keith

Harlequins must have surprised even memselves by the eventual ease of their victory over Coventry at Stoop Memorial ground on Saturday. At half-time, Coventry looked all over the winners, although they led only 8—4.

However, Harlequins transformed the game in the second half when they had the wind at their backs, mainly by expert and enterprising back play which brought them 23 points. For once, an English back division made proper use of their opportunities. It is a strange from that the best club sides in England—Coventry and Moseley for Instance—rely on the strength of their forwards and their backs hardly get a look in; when existing the back play which extends the best club sides in England—Coventry and Moseley for Instance—rely on the strength of their forwards and their backs hardly get a look in; when existing the backs hardly get a look in; whereas some of the better three-quarters must be trough the left in the forwards with a try in the strength of their forwards and their backs hardly get a look in; when existing the back division made governed the strength of their forwards and their backs hardly get a look in; when existing the back hardly get a look in; the strength of their own for-

attempt at a drop. Indeed, Coventry's backs were so ponderous that their pack tried a forward surge from a topped penalty eight yards from Harlequins' line, but this tactic failed, too. At last, Maisey was presented with a try in the 37th minute by Aitchison, who earlier bad wasted an excellent break by Grimshaw with a weak pass.

It seemed that Coventry could now clinch the game but Harlequins took heart and control in the second half. In rapid succession, Lambert was in for a try after exchanging passes with Barry: Gilbert dropped a goal; but Cowman made it 11-all with a penalty. From the kick off there came the best try of all, by D. A. Cooke: Alexander fielded

Harlequins surprised by the ease of their victory the kick. Wood the Cambridge University winger, received the ball via Wioship and D. A. Cooker although Wood was barried by several defenders he snuggled an inside pass to D. A. Cooke with great acumen. A second dropped goal by Gilbert and a deserved try for Gilbert and a deserved try tor Winship put the game out of Coventry's reach, although Weston scored the visitors' third by after a kick ahead by Cowman. Lembert landed a penalty goal at the end MARLEOUINS: K. M. Bushell: C. W. Lanbert, D. A. Cooke, P. J. Hant, G. Wood: G. Gilbert, S. Winship: P. Stockord, D. M. Barry, J. N. White, Stockord, D. M. Barry, J. N. White, Stockord, D. M. Barry, J. N. White, S. M. Martin, C. D. Barrett, P. B. Stockord, D. C. Alexander, D. H. COMENTRY: S. A. R. COWMEN: S. Summons, A. C. Automater, D. Commons, S. Malsey, P. Caulinard, F. S. Precce, I. Barnwell: K. Alichison, C. Grinsha; P. Ninnes, C. Weston, T. Dingley, I. P. Ninnes, C. Weston, T. Dingley, I. Shipsines, R. Walker.

### **US Hanoi mission hopeful**

Clark Air Base, Philippines, namese in handing over the foliarch 20.—The mission sent to bodies of 12 Air Force and navel pilots which were flown back to the United States yesterday.

"We now have an under-March 20.—The mission sent to Indo-China by President Carter flew in here tonight on its way home, hoping that the path to

United Autoworkers Union, told said, reporters: "I feel that it's Th

phasis on what he called the lar mechanisms as in Hanoi.—symbolic action of the Viet-

normal relations with Vietnam standing for a constructive and Laos had been cleared by mechanism for future procedure its discussions about American on the question of the missing soldiers still missing from the war.

Mr Leonard Woodcock, the mission leader and head of the president, in moving towards normalization of relations", he

The visit to Vientiane had tive in both Hanoi and Vientiane."

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### Fourth Singapore lawyer arrested

Singapore, March 20.—The Singapore Government has arrested M. R. Joethy, a lawyer, for questioning under the Internal Security Act, the police said at the weekend. No reason was given.

Mr Joethy is the fourth lawyer to be detained this year under the Act. The others were arrested last month for questioning in connexion with alleged pro-communist activities. Eight other people have been arrested since February 10. Three were released three days ago.—Rcuter.

### Charter 77 seeks friends in Romania

Romanians feared reprisals by the authorities.

"There are only two people who do not fear the secret police—your esteemed self and myself", he wrote to the President. "I am convinced that millions of Romanians would follow your example and would express their solidarity with Czech and Slovak (activists)."

Mr Goma said a presidential letter would allow Romania to attend the follow-up conference.

head held high".

Among other topics, the 35nation conference is expected to review steps to implement the declaration, which has been a central theme of the Charter 77

Rugby League

### England go down to fierce French tackling

Carcassonne, Prance, March 20
—England's superior forwards brought them no reward here today against the flerce tackling, adventurous French in the Rugby League triangular tournament which France won by defeating England 28—15.

It was the first French victory over England since March 1970 and only their second international success in two years. They broke the sequence of losses against Wales at Toulouse last month, winning 13-2. France, leading 12-5 at half-time, won by five tries, three goals and a dropped goal to three tries an othree goals. A stirring second half culminated in two goals and a penalty goal in a seven minute period which ensured victory. Jean-

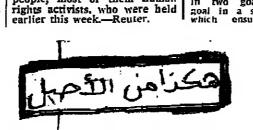
Squash rackets

### Johnson restores family dignity in men's final

By Rex Bellamy Squash Rackets Correspondent

than justice to their international reputations. Airs Johnson's backhand was so erratic that she must have wished it was possible to run round it: a freedom of movement the structure of a squash forbids. Squash Rackets Correspondent
Teresa Lawes (Kent) and
Robert Johnson (Surrey) won the
Greater London squash rackets
championships, sponsored by
H. R. Owen Lid, at Wembley
yesterday. Miss Lawes beat
Johnson's wife. Then, by 9-0,
9-7, 9-1 in 25 minutes, though
Mrs Johnson led 6-1 in the
second game. Johnson, who was
4-7 down in the first game, and
surrived a game ball at 6-8, beat
Put Kirton, 10-8, 9-1, 9-0, in
34 minutes.

Both finals were one-sided and
consequently disappointing, in
spite of the admirable qualities
of the winners. The losers are
distinguished players, but did less



### Bowles may miss the start of next season

Football Correspondent

Football Correspondent land or Queen's Park Rangers programme for the rest of the season. Playing at Bristol City, he fell awkwardly with only three minutes of the game remaining. The lower part of his right leg was broken in two places and his angle dislocated.

A local doctor said: "If every thing goes all right, he may be lucky enough to play at the start of vert season, but it could take much longer." Possibly because he was among several players below form against the Dutch, such a humillated selection again. However, the loss through injury this week-tend of Greenhoff and Personal Rowles would not have been chosen to appear against Luxem-

the loss through injury this weekind of Greenhoff and Bowles bourg, yet against a weak defence
could mean-more changes than
cven Mr Revie would wish. Bowles

Goals in their first two World

were concerned about other injuries to Francis and Thomas. With games in hand, they still held slight hopes of qualifying for next season's Uefa Cup, but because of their 1—0 defeat by Bristol City there is now little chance. Bristol have as much chance as Derby County and West Ham United of escaping relegation although, above them, Sunderland

obvious threat to Liverpool is the pressure of diverse challenges, not that their performance against St Etienne in the European Cup last week showed any hints of fatigue. week showed any hints of fatigue. Today they await news of the FA Cup semi-final round draw. There is even the possibility of a mighty Cup tie with Everton. Each match is a mountain without an easy route and none of the FA Cup survivors—Everton, Leeds United or Manchester United would make it any easier. Manchester United are still well placed in the championship but the argument that their run-in make

other potential champions is counteracted by having nine away games in their last 14. They lost their central defender, Greenhoff, early in their 2-1 defeat of Aston Villa and their manager, Tommy Docherty, said later that his player would not be available for the England party to be announced tomorrow, Greenhoff has a strained groin muscle and needs rest. The central area ing problems to Mr Revie. Doyle, of Manchester City, was injured last week and Thompson, of Liverpool, is unlikely to play again

### Liverpool cure a

hangover By Gerald Sinstadt They all laughed says the sons at Christopher Columbus. Seven months ago they all smiled indu-gently at Liverpool, setting sail on deep and hostile oceans. It stood to reason that a journey of con-quest round Europe, hazardous enough in itself, would seriously impair the task of keeping affairs trim and ship shape at home. But who will have the last laugh now? On Sahmday at Anfield, Liver-pool beat Middlesbrough 2—0 to

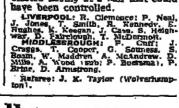
pool beat Middlesbrough 2—0 to reach the semi-final round of the FA. Cup for the eleventh time. Four days previously they had arrived at a similar stage of the European Cup. Meanwhile, Ipswich have been backing away from their challenge to Liverpool's grasp of the championship.

The time has arrived when strength of character and depth of resources assume equal importance with skill. Against Middlesbrough, as against St Etienne, Liverpool demonstrated their merit on all counts. In the first half they counts. In the first half they attacked without creating a single chance and defended uncertainly arracked without creating a single chance and defended uncertainly against swift, well-organized breakaways. After Wednesday's intoxicating amosphere a hangover was not surprising.

The character came through in the second half. Emerging as though they had donsed their heads under a cold tap, Liverpool were themselves again, shrewd, resolote and releatless. Again it was a stunning goal from the young rednead, Fairclough, that broke the opposition.

Promoted from substitute to take the central role of the injured Toshack, Fairclough had been cramped and ineffective in the pensity area. Ten minutes after the interval he picked up a pass from Smith near the right touchline, ambled infield, found himself with an unusual amount of room and from 30 yards let fly with a shot that whisted into the Middlesbrough net.

dr close defensive mesh, began



### United too lively to be contained

By Norman Fox
In the first two minutes of their
FA Cup sixth round tie against
Manchester United ar Old TraiManchester United ar Villa
Caturday, Aston Villa nanchester outres ar Old Train-ford on Saturday, Aston Villa-revealed more of their true char-acter than in the whole of the previous weeks' colouriess League Cup final. United were specta-tors to a glorious counter attack that covered the length of the witch and moments later was the ritch and moments later were hit iy Little's 30-yard shot beneath the har. This from a team sup-posedly weakened by the absence of Gray. Cropley and Nicholl, also

Leeds performance

ear there will be no repetition.

Leeds United put paid to that with a 1—0 win at Molineux in the sixth round. It was a sophistilated, adult performance of con-minment that took all the steam

However, he can take comfort from the fact that Leeds them-

strong me fact that Leeds them-serives have now reached this divanced stage for the seventh time in the past 12 years—an distribute effort of consistency, especially since the departure of such key figures as Bremner, lilles and Hunter to other assures.

practice. The balance was also adjusted by Greenhoff's injury, leaving a lightweight substitute, McCreery, to play surprisingly well as a full-back.

Villa's goal after 90 seconds guaranteed spice. Mortimer, Villa's gual after 90 seconds guaranteed spice. Mortimer, always powerful and quick to send his forwards away, gave Little possession only a few yards into United half. At this carly stage Macari and Mclirov had not gained midfield authority and little was offered yards of space. He chose to shoot from a long distance and the ball flew over stepney, reminding us of Bethanar's fine similar goal for St Etienne against Liverpool the previous Wednesday night. After the disappointments of the League Cup final, two such splendid goals in a week certainly compensated. of Gray. Cropley and Nicholl, also tired after the demands of three competitions and dejected by failure at Wembley.

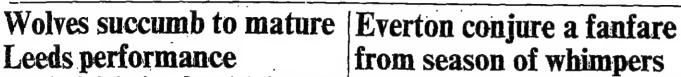
Eventually, the result a 2—1 win for United, fulfilled most predictions but Villa's opening the first part of the gesture of a team toping to delay the inevitable. For the best part of the game to moved smoothly and with all first precision lacking against verton on the Saturday before. Little, inspired by his goal, confidently neld the ball close weaving out of the hardest tackles and rice period did United, them the saturday before. The huge and delighted Man-



The agony and the ecstasy: Gidman is bowed (right), Hill applauds (left) and Macari wheels away in triumph.

up solidly to the pressure of Greenhoff and Pearson and rode the crisis. The game, challenging the greyness of the day, gathered more excitement as Stepney weirdly punched a shot from Cowans over the bar as he seemed about to heef a backwards.





But once having drawn the teeth of Richards and company there was only one logical winner from the moment Eddie Gray headed Leeds ahead at the half-hour in only their second serious attack. It was a textbook example of economy. The Gray brothers set up the move from midfield; "E", the elder, found Hampton overlapping down the left and By Tom German By Tom German

If there was reluctance in their limbs and distraction in their thoughts after two wearing attempts within a week to determine the destination of the League Cup, Everton, like a conjuror, concealed them up some accommodating sleeve at Goodison Park. They beak Derby County by two well-taken goals, without response, in Saturday's FA Cup quarter-final tie to edge a little closer to a second visit to Wembley. Get there or not, they have managed, no doubt to their surprise, to sound a fanfare in a season which not so long ago they seemed twinment that took all the steam up the move from midfield; "E", the elder, found Hampton Wanderers who are now left to concentrate all their energies on a return to the first division. "This is the first time in 20 years of one sort or another in the game, that I shall find myself involved in a semi-final ", said limmy Armfield, the Leeds mannater, as he drew thoughtfully on his early frailities to become McQueen's faithful first lieutenant as the pair absorbed everything wolves threw at them. Yet these connet assaults were frenzied and shortsighted, too often lefted high in the air as they were for the simple enjoyment of the towering not so long ago they seemed likely to end on a whimper. Everton are the side with which the other three will be hoping for a pairing as the numbers come out of the bag for the semi-final round. They lag in the league, yet eight matches without defeat indicate how far they have succeeded in injecting present order into eight matthes without dereat indicate how far they have succeeded in injecting greater order into their play. Lawson is looking safer beneeth his bar than he has ever done, despite fumbling one early shot from George which bobbed dangerously close to 2 post; McNaught, as Hales discovered, is giving little away at the centre of the defence, and Latchford has recovered something of the hearty appetite around goal which cost Everton so much when they bought him from Birmingham.

They have become a more determined, disciplined side, if not a notably attractive or wily one. The introduction of Pearson, preferred to McKenzie, seems to have given them a smoother understanding when they move forward. He enlivened a faltering attack when he came on 20 minutes from the end of normal time in Wednesday's League Cup replay and on proved to be Currie. He was the one who spiced the afternoon with some Oriental magic. Living with permanent groin trouble, he simply strolled through the battle slowing the tempo, winning time and space for himself and putting his foot on the ball to tantalize young opponents who rushed in where angels would have feared to tread. where angels would have feared to tread.

Hard as Daley, Hibbitt and the fading little Carr fought on a spongy surface there was no end product for Wolves.

WOLVERNAMPTON WANDERERS:
O. Pierce: O. Palmer, D. Parkin: S. Daley, F. Muero, J. McAlle; K. Hibbitt, J. Richards, A. Sonderland (aub H. Carrier, B. Michael, P. Hamplon: T. Cherry, G. McQueen, P. Hamplon: T. Cherry, G. McQueen, P. Wadder, T. Gras, A. Clarke, J. Sordan, A. Currie, E. Gray, Referee: 4. W. Grey (Great Yarmouth:

capable forward around.

Derby, still looking a useful side on paper, even though players of the calibre of McFarland, Nish and Gemmill looked on from the stands, sustained their efforts if not their timest. There were mo-ments of menace from James and Hector and a splendid show of resilience and mobility at the Hector and a splendid show of resilience and mobility at the back from Todd, ready and able to take on all-comers. It was not enough, though James was just off the mark with one shot taken on the turn in the first half and would probably have equalized 15 minutes from the end, when Everton were still only one goal up, had not Kenyon blatanely tripped him as be sped clean away.

Both Everton's goals came in the second half, though they claimed passionately, but in vain, for a penalty on the stroke of half time as Daniel somehow smothered Larchford's shot. Television's version of the incident later suggested that the referee's judgment was the right one. Derby were breached first as King's centre from the right looped beyond the far post where Lyons headed it down for Larchford to scoop the ball in on the half-volley. With 12 minutes left Pearson stretched himself horizontally to get his head to Daracott's free kick, which kept low and dropped derinders. Derby were beyond recovery now. Gers. Deruy were organical der Deruy were organical description. D. Lawrent T. Darrecht, M. Pelic, M. Lyons, K. McNaught, A. Line: B. Ricch, R. Kangol, R. Barton, Form, 19th, 19th,

### English schoolboys score a goal in each half

England beat Scotland in the schoolboy international at Wemb-ley on Saturday. England scored in each half, but Scotland could consider the 2—0 margin a little

From the start England attacked strongly and Walker. Scotland's gralkeeper, was often in action making several clever saves. But he had no chance when England scored in the sixteenth minute. After a free kick on the right, a hasty Scottish clearance hit Skene and fell into the path of Rees, who hit a spectacular shot.

The second English goal came with only four minutes left. A great free kick by Mills from fully 40 yards eluded the Scortish defence DSh defence ENGLAND: Forster: Mills, Bennett, Pittsway, Law, Brandon, Ross, Thomas, Melfs, Wroy, Chamberlain, SCOTLAND: Walker, Turnbull, Kett-ings, McStay, Stene, Dorman, Kay, McGee, Lorimer, Bell, Walsh, Referee: B. Hill (Northalts),

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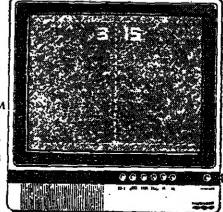
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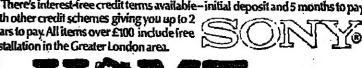
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inviting chances until Macari was fouled fust outside their penalty area. They formed a cracked wall, and, too late, realzed that they were badly positioned. Houston saw his chance and sent in the consister. that United would not wish to have their path cleared so racily. In the event, Villa's youthful reinforcement, Young, a tall and effective defender, and cowans, were more than adequate and the under-rehearsed Graydon successfully hid his lack of match

moves threw at them. Yet these counter assaults were frenzied and shortsighted, too often lefted high in the air as they were for the simple enjoyment of the towering McQueen.

If McQueen ruled the rear the real mastermind, bowever, finally proved to be Currie. He was the continued to stride away, beating the championship challengers, Ipswich Town, 1—0. Later in the argument that their run-in to the

Cowans over the bar as he seemed about to begin a backwards somersault. Burridge dived more elegandy to deflect a vicious shot from Buchan around the post. Buchan was yet again superb in both his own play and the organization of the team.

Villa began to feel the pains of exhaustion. Little used up the remains of bis energy in a deeper midfield position and it seemed that however much it might tax

that however much it might tax their strength Villa had a replay in mind. This was probably their decisive error. United were still too lively to be contained and

of the penalty area he was a con-stant threat and it was his tena-cious holding of the ball in a particularly tight situation and clever short pass back from the line that forced Robson to attempt an interception. Robson's foot de-flected the ball only to Macari, who collected not one of his most spectacular goals but one of the most important of United's sea-son.

Villa bad resorted to fending off United and it was a natural reaction when a draw seemed the possible result. They were not the first to be penalized for such factics at Old Trafford.

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with a shot that whistled into the Middlesbrough net.

Eight minutes later Fairclough set up the second goal. His cross was near enough to Cuft to tempt the gualkeeper but too deep for him to reach. Kennedy, who had an outstanding game for Liverpool, headed back into the middle and Keegam nodded the held in from close range.

So far, Keegam has scored in every round of this season's FA Cup competition, and only two superb saves by Cuff prevented him from adding another couple of goals. The chances arose when Middlesbrough, forced to abandon their close defensive mesh, began Saturday he looked the most

to throw more men forward.
McAndrew brought one thrilling
deflection from Clemence, but the

deflection from Clemence, but the visitors were not really equipped for ell-out attack.

Middlesbrough were at their best—or worst?—in the first half, drawing in front of their goal two lines of four defenders, rarely separated by more than 15 yards. Craggs, impressively cool at right back, Boam, Maddren, and Cooper were always busy but rarely finstered. The ambition took none's breath away but it was undeniably effective.

Three times it almost brought a goal. First Clemence snatched Wood's header right on the goal line. Then the goalkeeper made brave amends for an incautious back pass by Smith, Finally, Brine blasted hastily at a ball that could have been controlled.

# Yet for the opening 20 minutes in Saturday the Yorkshire club tod to ride a storm as tite eager oung Wolves, driven on by the oar of a 50,000 full house, buffet them left, right and centre. With Madeley, Reaney and Cherry at collective sixes and sevens while Carr. Hibbitt and Daley commanded midfield for the Midlands it was only the masterly domination of McQueen at the heart of the Leeds defence, aided by some brave goalkeeping on the part of Stewart—understudy for the intered Harvey—that kept the wolf from the door. Victory gives Tottenham little respite

Gy Tom Freeman
Tottenham Hotspur's welcome
1—I win at Birmingham on Saturtor has helped to relieve the
wessure at White Hart Lane,
though the fact that two other
clegation teams both won emphasizes the task facing Tottenham in
the next few weeks.
There was no doubt that Tottentum deserved the two points. The am deserved the two points. The litmingham pitch, heavy and linging except for the four green orners, was the big problem, using a host of mistukes and hrowing an extra burden on the players. Birmingham raised the lines of their exponents in the

A Cup sixth round

irst division

pushed the ball through the middle and Daines, rushing out, became entangled with Osgood and Compolly. All three fell, but Connolly managed to scoop the ball into the net. Within a minute Tottenham drew level, when Hoddle drove splendidly through There followed a long period of no action, with the ball seemingly anchored for the most part in Tottenham fivally settled the matter half an hour from the end when Jones neatly slipped a pass from Taylor inside the post. It was clear long before the

with the conditions far better than their opponents. Jones, Hoddle and Armstrong all played well, with Hoddle probably the most effective player on the field. Tottenham did a good job in cutting off the supply route to Francis, who consequently did little. It was this, more than anything else which made Birmingham look so indifferent.

BIRMINGHAM CITY: J. Montgomery Ralbbone, G. Pendrey, H. Kendsil, Gallagher, K. Bruns, J. Calderwood, Francis, J. Connolly, T. Hibbitt, Jones, TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: B. Dades; T. Kirlor, J. Hoimes, J. Prott, K. Osgood, S. Perryman, C. Jones, G. Hoddle, G. Armstrong, R. Coates, P. Tavior,

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From the start England attacked

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Cross-country

### Belgian tide abates but England are unable to surface in time

From Cliff Temple

Athletics Correspondent Düsseldorf, March 20

England lost their senior men's team title to Belgium by the tantalizing margin of three points, 126 to 129, at the international team cross-country championships here this afternoon. Beruard Ford was the first Englishman home, in fifth place, and was backed up by Tony Simmons (eighth) and David Black (ninth) but the red and yellow Belgian vests had always seemed far more numerous at the front of the field early on than the white of England.

Indeed, the surprise was that after the race the battle, which counts the first six fimishers from each nation, was so close and that the early Belgian tide had abated. The English team, so often champions in the past, had regained the title last year after losing it to Belgium in 1974 and to New Zealand in 1975, but this year they had to give best.

The individual seven and a half-mile race was won by Leon Schots. a 24-year-old Belgian soldier from Limburg, who had too much fimishing speed for the defending champion, Carlos Lopes, of miles and ran the second half of Portugal, in the last quarter mile. The pair raced side by side around the fifth and final lap of a flat, twisting one and a half-mile circuit at the Grafenberg race-course.

It was only when approaching England lost their senior men's team title to Belgium by the

It was only when approaching He moved through the field like a

the final barrier of logs in front of the main grandstand that the tall Schots put in a burst which took him clear of the compact, barrelchested Lopes, who was bimself a similarly little-known last year. The Belgians, who had Schots. Karel Lismont and Emiel Puttemans, up in the first six early on in the race, suffered a blow when Puttemans, one of the individual favourites with a bauner-waving supporters club in attendance among the 10,000 crowd, was spiked in the foot and dropped out.

The English runners were caught badly in the hectic start and Ford, train, picking up 20 places on the last lap alone, to finish forty-fifth.

The women's race was won by the reigning champion, Carmen Valero, of Spain, who defeated the former Olympic 1500 metres champion, Ludmilla Bragina, of the Soviet Union.

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Rowing

### No curtain calls for this stormy drama

Upper Thames's reaches off load-ing what the "Minister of Drougher" had been praying for throughout last summer.

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If by chance Moyninan, the Oxford cox, was to meet rough water, he was counselled that few

His counterpart, Manser, three lengths behind at Hammersmith Bridge, stayed on a more central course through the rough water.

By Jim Railton Oxford cleared Cambridge so Saturday's Boat Race that the first thought was to dial the emergency service and give warning of an impending massacre. Oxford went on to win the 123rd Boat Race by seven lengths, their biggest margin since they beat a waterlogged Cambridge crew in 1898. But Cambridge to their credit hung on affectionately in this total hate relationship to make it a long and drawn-out farewell. Blood, tears and stormy seas were all part of Saturday's drama for which, few, if any, curtain calls were made.

Despite the supposed initial if any, curtain calls were made,
Despite the supposed initial
advantage of Middlesex off the
the start, Surrey was the station
most desired on Saturday with a
south-westerly around. When
Oxford won the toss, and took
Surrey, the Cambridge president,
David Searle, looked as happy as
a non-smoking mother receiving a
pipe on Mother's Day, With a lead
of two lengths by the Mile Post,
only a drama of the high seas,
lurking beyond Hammersmith
Bridge could stop Oxford.
But the Oxford intelligence

course through the rough water. with the natural ploy of attempting to regain something while Oxford played a cautious hand. Between Hammersmith Bridge and Chiswick Steps—just under a mile—Oxford made their greatest gain in the race of two and one-third lengths.

It was a perverse wind too But the Oxford intelligence service, which has come back to life in recent vears, had anticipated problems. During a reconnaisance before the race, it was noted that the tide was less than moderate and weakened by the

lengths.

It was a perverse wind, too, which moved round to meet the tide and produce the worst conditions I have seen in a Boat Race between Hammersmith and Barnes.

Moyaihan watched its progress with auxious glances at the weather vane on the church steeple near Chiswick steps. "A sinking was possible", he told me after the race. "We shipped, I

are. But both crews and their new craft westhered the storm ad-mirably and with Cambridge clinging like a leech, Oxford were only able to add two-thirds of a length in the last three minutes of the race to win by seven water, he was counselled that few knots would be lost by deserting the centre of the tide and seeking quieter waters. Moynihan did just that, clinging to the long Survey bend after Hammersmith Bridge and then moving to Middlesex approaching Barnes and just skimming the inside arch of the bridge there.

His counterpart, Manser, three lengths.

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HENLEY: Lightweight (2.00 metres): Oxford beat Cambridge (math. 6min 19-cc. Women (1.00 metrus): Cambridge best Oxford, length, 3min 17-sc. Women: Secorrers; 12.000 metres): Cambridge be Oxford, 4 teagths, 3min 25-sec.

### Hunt wins for second year running

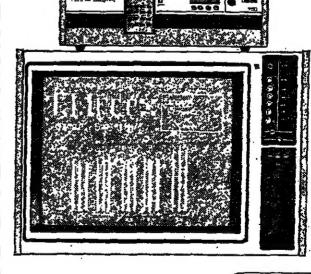
By John Blunsden James Bunt, the ar Brands Hatch year in succession as Brands Hatch yearerday. He completed the 40 lap race, sponsored by Marlborough and the Daily Mail, in his McLaren-Ford M23 23.5 seconds ahead of Jody Scheckter's Wolf-Ford. Scheckler's Wolf-Ford.

However, for all but the last seven laps, the race was dominated by Mario Andretti and his JPS Letus-Ford. He outsprinted the Brabham-Alfa Romeo of the fascest qualifier, John Watson, led into

became sick at the start of the 34th lap.
Hunt, who also set a new Brands Hanth lap record of Imin 19.48sec, said afterwards that his and Andretti's cars were so evenly matched that he would have found it difficult to pass him if both cars had lasted the distance. He thought that the result would probably have been decided by a side-by-side sprint to the finishing line. line.
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the first corner and remained in from all the way until his engine non-graded driver went to Brian became sick at the start of the Henton, from Derby, whose March-Ford is backed by a television script writer, Don Shaw.

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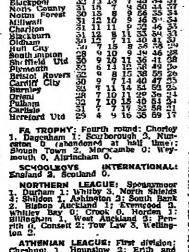


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### Shillingford and Murray in record sixth wicket stand

Coorgetown, March 20.—The overlight between Irvine Shilling-ford and Murray pounded another 99 runs before lunch as West Indies strenched their first innings lead over Pakistan 10 183 without further loss on the third day of the third Test, match hars today.

At lunch West Indies had scored 377 for five with Shillingford not out 94, heading for a century in only his second Test, and Murray not out 41. Pakistan scored 194 in their first innings.

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The morning's play was a complete contrast to yesterday's dour struggle for 210 runs as Shilling-ford and Murray, under instructions to get quick runs, went for their shots.
Shillingford, not out 31 overnight, clammed seven fours and a huge six right out of the ground as the two men put up the 100 partnership in 118 minutes to set a new record for the sixth wicket

as the two men pur up her had been partnership in 118 minutes to set a new record for the sixth wicket by West Indies against Pakistan. They had put on 122 runs, 22 better than Solomon and Kanhai did at Lahore in 1959.

Shillingford was very much the dominant partner before lunch, slamming almost two runs to Murray's one. He brought up his 50 in 165 minutes, scoring the last 19 in 25 minutes this morning. Altogether, he has hit 11 fours and one six in his 94.

Pakistan's captain Mushtaq Mohammad, tried five howlers this morning in an attempt to hold West Indies down but between them they produced only one chance when Murray swung a ball high to midwicket where it

dropped just short of the fielder.
When they finally break the partnership the next man in will be the West Indies' captain Clive Lloyd who has decided to bar despite a pulled hamstring muscle in his left thigh.

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He injured himself 15 minutes after play started on Friday and had not been expected to but except in an emergency.

The final hour on the second day during which the 20,000 crowd hurled bottles and abuse at an umpire and Pakistan snatched two wickets, livened up what was otherwise a quiet day's cricket. At the close West Indies were 273 for five after being 193 for three, halfway through the afternoon. This gave them a lead of 84 runs. It was when they lost their fourth wicket, that of the local brow-Kalilcharran, that the uproar occurred. The crowd hurled bottles and even a chair on to the ground, stopping play for 20 minutes. minutes.

Kallicharran, like Richards before him in the morning, was given out leg-before to imran khan by umpire Cleophus Paymer.

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Rugby League

### St Helens go back to the top after a struggle

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St Helens returned to the top

Bradford Northern repeated last
month's cup win over Featherstone of first division, but made heavy weather of beating Workington despite a big advantage in the scrummage. They went ahead in the third minute when Mathias went over in the corner and three minutes later Timblett added a

Workington hit back with a Wright try and a McCorquodale penalty and early in the second half they went ahead with another petalty. But Saints had just enough extra to pull the game round. A try from Hull, which Pimblett converted, and another by Jones ended Workington's hopes.

month's cup win over Featherstone Rovers to strengthen their effort for a place in the top four with this convincing victory. Rovers, lacking Thompson and Farrar, the prop forwards who were on international duty, led with a penalty goal by Quinn after only two minutes.

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minutes.

After that, however, the first half belonged to Northern, who defied atrocious conditions to play some sparkling rugby. They were well in command with an 18—5 lead at the interval, but Featherstone, on top in the scrutmages, restricted them to one more try in the second period and put on a lot of pressure themselves witha lot of pressure themselves with-out being able to find a way through.



After an Indian summer: Derek Randall is met by his wife, Elizabeth, at Heathrow vesterday.

### Randall's appeal to Lillee

Ken Barrington, the manager of MCC who arrived back in London yesterday, agrees that England should be favourites to win this summer's Test series

in the first ionings at Melbourne, so I knew this could be my last chance. It was a great thrill to make such a big score. I really enjoyed myself against him, although we had a few clashes. against Australia. "The absence of Dennis Lillee from the Australian side could make a great difference. He is the sort of player who can whi a Test match in an hour", he said.

Derek Randall spoke of his duel with Lillee during his innings. He said: "I had not done very well in India and I was out cheaply difference." The absence the fitting me on the ankle outside the off stump, he looked me straight between the eyes. I said to him that if he could not bounce the ball higher than that it was his fault. He hit me one glancing blow. Fortunately, it was on the had. otherwise it might well have killed me", he added.

### Foreman to rest for month before training again

before serving for his Texas ranch.

He said that he will take at least a month off to rest before resuning training. He was accompanied by his neurosurgeon, Dr Jorge Davila, who said he ran brainwave checks on Foreman to make sure the concussion was not serious. Jesse Burnett, the world's No 4 light-heavyweight from the United

San Juan, March 20.—Grinning and waring to a small crowd, George Foreman strolled out of a local hospital here yesterday after recovering from heat prospectived during his defeat by Jimmy young on Trursdey. Foreman, a former heavyweight chempion, took time to autograph a picture for one of his supporters and chatted with several of them before lessing for his Texas runch. He said that he will make at lens of Japan, in Naha, Okinawa, on It was also asmounced yester-day that Rafael Octega, the World Boxing Association featherweight champion from Panema, will stake that title against Filpper Uchara, of Japan, in Neba, Okinawa, on April 17.

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Masaid Kanebira, Uehara's matager, said that the 15-round match will be held at Ohbuyana Gymnashum. It will be Ortega's first defence since he became the champion by beating Francisco Deronado, of Nicaragua, on points in a match for the vacant title in laniary.—Avencies.

Table tennis

#### Welshman gives Hongkong player a lesson

Graham Davies, a 28-year-old Weish international, made a bril-liant start in the Commonwealth liant start in the Commonwealth men's singles table tennis championship in Guernsey yesterday. Davies, a Bridgend schoolteacher, leat Lu Veng Vong, a member of liongkong's gold medal winning ram and his country's number o.e., 21—15, 21—17, 14—21, 23—20. Then, in the second round, is defeated Peter McQueen, of Middlesex, 21—11, 21—10, 14—21, 21—10.

### Isca stick men have thin time against Hurst

By Sydney Faskin Isca Dumnoniorum was the Roman name for Exeter. The hockey players of this club thought that this was too long a name to carry on the back of a track shirt, so they shortaned it to Isca. Unfortunately for the vistors the Roman holiday proved too expensive at Clayence Pack vesterday. rue, 21—15, 21—17, 14—21, 12—10. Then, in the second round, 12 defeated Peter McQueen, of Middlesex, 21—11, 21—10, 14—21, 21—10.

It was the Welshman's keen tactical sense which gave him victory over Le in a thrilling 40-minute match. Slowing the pace of every opportunity, Davies disturbed the Hongkong player's rivythm and struck at his back hand with top spin shots whenever he had the chance.

Lu made a brave attempt to save the match from 17—20 down in the fourth set, eventually drawing level at 20—20, but Davies responded to the challenge and completed his victory with a smashing forehand which Lu could only return wide.

Davies almost missed the championship because of his difficulties arranging time of? from school. Even now, he cannot get permission to leave with the rest of his Welsh colleagues when they go to the world championships at Birmingham next Friday morning. Instead he must travel in the evening.

Jim Walker, England's number five, from Cleveland, put up a fine performance as the swenty losing an exciting match wich Scheng Shien Chen.

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ings and Whitby accelerating on the right. Morgan, the best of St Albans' stick players, could not St Albans' stick players, could not find his rhythm.

With Mobbs taking control of the right flank, St Albans appeared to have acquired the right balance after the interval. When Mobbs sent across one of his piercing centres, no one followed up and Underhill cleared from near the line. Galley's quick run-ring out from the line enabled him to smother one of Underbill's ning out from the line enabled him to smother one of Underhill's shops from a short corner and as the thunder rumbled in the distance a storm gathered round St Albans's goal. Hurst, however, came to their rescue with two brilliant saves, one from a short corner, the other from a short by Gardinder in open play.

The best chance for St Albans came rather late in this period. It was created by Mobbs whose centre was picked up at the top of the circle by Ashby. His shot carried enough guile to put the lsca goalkceper in a taligie but he incanaged to stop the ball dead with his hand and sweep it away with his stick, So the match moved on to provide the dramatic chance of fortune in extra time and the ultimate penalty stroke barrage. Hurst saved twice to put St Albans in an unassailable position.

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England one win away from the triple crown

By Joyce Whitehead England beat Wales 1-0 at Headingley on Saturday. Margaret
Souvave scored from an acute
angle after a good pass by
Valente Robinson early in the
match. From then on, it was a
bard struggle, although England
had most of the play in the first
talf. Indeed carelessness cost them another goal. Jane Swinner-ton received the ball in the circle and beat the Weish goalkeeper. Iris Davies, only to shoot wide from a yard.

After the interval, Wales had much more of the game but they attacked on a narrow front and the English goalkeeper, Pauline Gibbon, was treubled only once when she saved from a slight but strong Marilyn Morgan. Later, carelessness by Miss. Morgan cost Wales the equaliser. Alone, on the right of the circle, she received the ball but shot wide.

The telling moves of England's right wing trio—Hurley. Souyave and Robitson—which gave them opportunities in the first half, later petered our and Denise Haselden on the left wing had a frustrating afternoon. She never seemed to be in the right place. After the interval, Wales had

seemed to be in the right place.

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Umpires: Y. Horner and J. Brown.

### Cambridge find it easy to make Oxford miss boat guished one, with Barcley com-pleting an unbeaten record in his three years in the University match.

By John Woodcock Cambridge won the University golf match at Royal Porthcawl on gon match at Noyal Foliated to a Saturday by as sweeping a margin as Oxford won the Boat Race. Ine score of 12 matches to one with two halved was the easiest victory either side has gained, at any rate either side has gained, at any rate under the present scoring system. In 1963 a Cambridge side containing none of the big names of post-war University golf won by 12½ matches to 2½. In 1921 Oxford, with Cyril Tolley and Roger Wethered to inspire them, won 12—3, as they did again in 1930, when the Cambridge order contained Eric Martin-Smith, who was to become amateur champion the following year. In 1936 Cambridge, with P. B. Lucas playing top, also won 12—3. The gallery on Saturday, if such it can be called, contained J. P. Marston and A. A. Duncan, who played in one or other of these matches.

Oxford's only winner this time, in either singles or foursomes, was

match.

At luncheon, with Cambridge leading in nine of the 10 singles and level in the other, Oxford's chances of getting anywhere near them had gone. Even Warman, who was square after 18 holes, ran away from Brandow in the afternoon. In the third match Armitage was the more powerful, Pontecost vitality the steadier; in the fourth there was a great struggle between Choyce, a natural games player with a squash Blue to its name, and Great, a good golfer who looked as though he night be hess at frome on the squash court. Grant came from behind to win fit.

Bonsall, swinging the club well against Monroe, forsed steadily shead; Goodrich having been pulled back by Remage from four un to one up with five to play, drew away again; Seddon lost the first cight holes against Sandison, but he bed gnt five of them back by the 24th, and so avoided some awful personal disaster.

RESULTS: Cambridge names first; W. H. Barclay (Brenford Cs and St. John's) haved with R. P. Nobic, George Discon Grand on Gueen's: 18 of the control Oxford's only winner this time, in either singles or foursomes, was Richard Hurst, who beat Stephen Sharpe. Hurst's father, Oxford's captain in 1948, won all his own three singles against Cambridge, though it was only when he was encouraged to take a break from pulling the filial trolley at the 14th on Saturday afternoon that the match swung his son's way. Three down there, Richard was two up by the 32nd. He is strong without being tall, and plays a good game.

without being tall, and plays a good game.

Although Cambridge left no one in any doubt about their being the better side, they were not as good, I think, and Oxford not quite as bad, as the overall score suggests. Oxford's office the singles came from their captain. Noble, looking like come of Loctilel, after he had been the down during the morning against his opposite number. This was a close march rather than a distin-

### Stenmark retains Cup in front of his countrymen

AAre, Sweden, March 20.—
Ingemar Steamark, the Swedish skier, made sure of retaining the World Cup when he won the slalom on his home territory here today. His nearest firel, klaus Heidegger, of Austria, who was joint fifth with Piero Gros, of Italy, today, is now 62 points behind Stenmark's 289 total and cannot overhaul the Swede in the remaining competitions this year. This was Stenmark's nineteenth World Cup victory, one more toni the great French skier, Jean Claude Killy, though Steamark meded more races to pass the Prenchman's record.

Stenmark swung too far out over the first 65-gate course, but in a fiertly concentrated second run through a 69-gate course he clinched a superb victory. The second and more difficult run brought out the best in Steamark was critical of the first course, which was set by a Swedish trainer, Ermano Nogle. "It was not up to World Cup stendard, not de-

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### Flat relief after bumpy NH season

By Michael Philips
Racing Correspondent

A new season of flat racing begins in England on Thursday, and after the rigours and disappointments of the winter I am sure that it will not come a moment too soon, even for the most dishard enthasiast of jumping. The weather and the fates have combined cruelly during the past few months and already it is clear that the weather will have to improve soon if the new season is not going to get bogged down too.

Flat courses which were watered so frequently last summer will not be able to take a great amount of rain; added to which many training grounds have been exceptionally wet recently and it is worth remembering that entire horses usually need more work at this stage of the year than geldings.

A new flat season is always have been the addict finds fascinating. One is Horses in Training, the other Racehorses of 1976. Published by the Sporting Chronicle at a cost of £2, Horses in Training, 1977, tells you exactly what a trainer has in his yard for the coming season, quite apart from a mass of data and other information.

This year five English trainers have more than a hundred horses in their stables. They are Henry Cecil and Ryan Price, each with 103; and 103 respectively. Both Cecil and Brittain have many more Racing Correspondent

than last year. Cecil's big increase, 34 to be precise, can be attributed to the fact that he has taken charge of the horses that used to be trained at Warren Flace by his father-in-law. Noel Murless.

So his present string is really a fusion of two of the biggest and most successful at Newmarket last year, which is a daunting prospect. Other trainers with noticeably more horses this year than last are Jeremy Hindley, who now has 94 as opposed to 70 in 1976: Neil Adam, whose string has more than doubled in size to 61 since last year; Luca Cumani, Michael Stoute and Vincent OBrien.

There are four motable new alignments this year in terms of trainers and jockeys working with one another. William Carson will be riding for Dick Heru. Joe Mercer, the man Carson has replaced at West Ilsley, is now tied to Cecil and Hindley, which means that he should certainly not lose out in terms of winners even though he did lose his favourite old job.

With Carson on the move the position of first jockey to Clive Britzin became vacant. That has been filled by Richard Fox. And Ernie Johnson is back with Barry Hills once again. To the surprise of no one both Patrick Eddery, the reigning champion and Brian Trying have stayed yut, secure and happy in the knowledge that their jobs with Peter Walwyn and Ryan Price are the envy of all their colleagues in the weighing room, with the possible exceptions of Lester Piggott and Edward Hide

who prefer to have no ties so that they can pick and choose.

Although Piggott is officially described as being freelance he is bloked with Vincent O'Brien and I will be more than mildly surprised if we do not hear a great deal about this famous parmership in the weeks and mouths ahead. O'Brien appears to hold a particularly strong hand this year.

A gentle perusal of the pages of Horses in Training will show that nine classic winners are still in training. In alphabetical order they are Crow (St Leger); Exceller (Prix Royal Oak); Flying Water (1,000 Guineas); Lagunette (Irish Oaks); Laomadome (Italian St Leger); Orange. Bay (Italian Derby); Pawneese (Oaks and Prix de Dianel; and Sarah Siddoma (Irish 1,000 Guineas). Together with seven more older horses who were placed in classics and a fistful of other good colts, such as Malinowski, they should help to enliven the season and certainly provide a test for the up and coming generation.

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provide a test for the up and coming generation.

Racehorses of 1976 is a first-class publication without which we would be much the poorer. This year Timeform leave you in no doubt about their choices for the early classics. They say that The Minstrel is the one they all have to beat in the 2,000 Guineas and that Cloonlara looks outstanding among the fillies.

We will be able to judge for ourselves if their trainer, Vincent O'Brien, sticks to the plan that he

outlined to me last month when I spent a day with him at Bally, doyle and sends the two in question over to Ascot on April 2 to contest the two Classic Trials there. Unless François Mathet and the Aga Khan do decide after all to run Blushing Groom in the 2,000 Guineas the O'Brien pair certainly look as though they have the right credentials at this juncture.

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The Guineas come even earlier this year than they do normally, which places the emphasis on pre-cosity and maturity. Otherwise this looks like being a season that is best approached with the mini-mum of preconceived ideas. The ground was very firm for much of last year and it is quite pos-sible that there is a rising star lurking somewhere in the wings about whom we know comparitively little.

Home Guard, Kalamoua, Morston, Rhinegold, Roberto, Sandford Lad, Secretariat, Sun Prime and Thatch are just some of the young stallions who will have runners for the first time this year in Europe and this will also be the first flat racing season to take place when it is known that use of steroids can be detected. On its own that breakthrough can make an important courribation and help to ensure that the summer will be more memorable than the winter that preceded it. STATE OF GOING (official): Wolves, sampton: Good to soft. Folkestone; ideoplechase course, good to soft. itudies, soft. Temorrow: Pinnyton: Ott. Notlingham: Hurdles, Soft. ideoplechase course, good to soft.

Folkestone programme

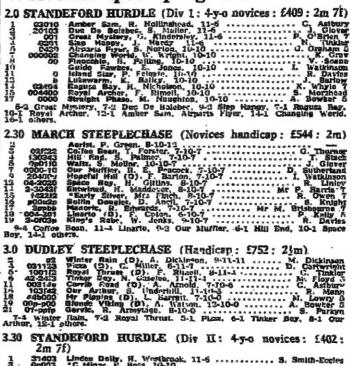


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Folkestone selections By Our Racing Correspondent

1.45 Richard Grenville. 2.15 Royal Rudolph. 2.45 Even Dawn. 3.15 Hay Bridge. 3.45 Gold Escort. 4.15 Dancing-in-Irish. 1.45 Hot Hand. 2.15 Supen Saxon. 2.45 Even Dawn. 4.15 Hamish.

Wolverhampton programme



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By Our Racing Correspondent 2.0 Duc de Bolebec. 2.30 Coffee Beau. 3.0 Winter Rain. 3.30 Linden Dolly. 4.0 Top Tune. 4.30 High Prospect. By Our Newmarket Correspondent

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4.15: 1. Airy Patry (5-1); 2. Sep Picture (12-1); 5. Hardistock (20-1).
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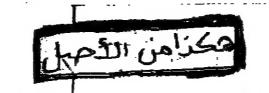
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# Local Government, Public & Educational Appointments



Cleveland County Police Authority.

### Appointment of Assistant Chief Constable

Due to the retirement -of one of the Assistant Chief Constables applications are invited from serving police officers for this post with Cleveland Constabulary.

The appointment is subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, the Police Acts and Regulations and the conditions of service determined from time to time by the Police Authority.

The salary scale is £8,142 x £126 (2)-£8,394 per annum plus a supplement of £312 per annum subject to the total not exceeding £8,500 per annum in accordance with the provisions of the White Paper-Attack on inflation.

Appropriate rent, uniform and car allowances are paid, together with certain removal

The application forms, details of allowances and expenses paid and other particulars are available from County Secretary, Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, telephone number 0642 248155 (ext. 2015), by whom completed applications should be received by not later than 13th April, 1977.

C. J. A. HARGREAVES, County Secretary

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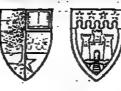
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likely to begin with mournful music, and soon to shift to triumphant. In fact, however, C. P. E. In fact, however, C. P. E. Bach's Auferstehung und Himmelfalurt Jesu (1777-78), given on Saturday during the opening weekend of the Camden Festival, largely overcomes this particular limitation because of the ingenious mixture of the narrative (with disquisitions on biblical events) and contempla-

biblical events) and contempla-tive inherent in C. W. Rammler's text. True, the second half is weakened by what is in danger of seeming like a procession of triumphant choruses, but in a sense this is significant more because it represents the involvement of the chorus than because it is a part of the plot. It is, in fact, enlightening to compare the Lutheran north German oratorio, where the chorus is so central, with its Italian and

central, with its Italian and south German counterpart, the Metastasian, opera-like, moralizing oratorio (such as those of the young Haydn and Mozart), which was largely a series of arias with minimal choral participation: the comparison focuses rather nearly some of the differences between Catholic the differences between Catholic and northern attitudes to music and normern attitudes to music and worship at the time.

The CPE Bach work, predictably, is at its most impressive when dealing with the more sombre emotions, where his yearning approagaintures have sullest scope. There is a dark

fullest scope. There is a dark, austere little introduction to each half; a beautiful supplicatory chorus at the beginning; some vivid descriptive recitasome vivid descriptive recitatives; and several impassioned solo numbers, among them a highly expressive duet, an appealing chromatic soprano aria, and a vigorous and dramatic bass one, typically enclosing a contrasting middle section. There is another lively aria with bassoon obbligato; most of the choruses are plainly written against brilliant rushing strings and resounding trumpets, but the dutiful fugues that end each half are not unimpressive, though here as elsempressive, though here as else

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### Collegium Musicum of London/Heltay A great Japanese artist

Kitagawa Utamaro Wildenstein Gallery

William Gaunt An outstanding event of the winter season in Paris, the loan exhibition of prints and illustrated books by the great Japanese artist of the Ukiyo-e

school, Kitagawa Utamaro, is now to be seen in London at Wildenstein\_ Gallery. Organized by Huguette Beres, this choice of more than a hundred works from both public and private collections, admirably presented, may well give the present-day spectator some renewal of the sensation of excitement and discovery felt by the French artists and connoisseurs of the last century when the print of Head tury when the priots of Uta-The subjects are mainly of lovers, pensive, sad or narras, sistically reflective, of courteattitude and refinement of cos-tume. Immediately striking are

the many "large head?" beau-ties, close-ups that for all their similarity in colling and facial. type show the artist's inlinite resource in design. Black for Utamare was never a dull neghair and headdress arrests the eye with varied silhouettes, the more brilliant for their contrast with delicacies of single line and restrained colour. There is a poetic symbolism in the carouches accompanying the portrains of teacherse hosters of teacherse hosters accompanying the portrains of teacherse hosters. tesses, containing some reference to place or mood. Masrety of more intricate design appears in the figure groups and there is a certain humour in the parody of a traitor's bistory that includes the like eness of Utamaro himself dis-covered in hiding in a teahouse (part of a series, from the Fitzwikiam Museum).

At the same time Utamaro's

Sadness of Lovers

eye was observant of nature in happiest of conjunctions of art

in several operas as a symbol for the Sun King, and it seems clear that his main characteristics of valour and generosity were here intended to be transferred to the

to be transferred to the monarch. As for the island of

Akyros, it is arguably to be understood as our own.

This message of royal might and magnatinuty would not have escaped the French court

nor, pethaps more to the point, ambassadors of foreign coun-

tries to it, particularly with the reinforcements of sumptions staging, elaborate machinery, and courtly dance.

many forms and exquisite products were, his illustrated proportions describes and illustrated proportions de

# The grandeur that was Lully wedding to Adments by torical accuracy on the visual Licomedes. King of Skyros, side, at least I hope none was then saved from him and later from hell by Alcides (Hercules), who loves her but pacing was lively. But I think finally honours her faithfulness far more of the original nobility to Admetus. Harcules figures in several operas as a symbol for the Sun King, and it seems clear that his main characteristics of valour and generosity were here intended

Sadler's Wells

Thomas Walker Lully's Alcesse, of 1673, hed to wait more than three hundred years for its first performance on a London stage. The move of William Chappell's production, given at the London Opera Centre in December, 1975, to Sadier's Wells augus well, one hopes, for more frequent revivals.

The original grandeur of Alceste would be, I suspect, extremely difficult to reproduce on the modern singe. A sense of French absolutism pervades it, and the work is rife with political symbolism. Its prologue praises the military exploits of Louis XIV (or rether those in his pay); allegorical inceeds are woven throughout. soven throughout.

such extravagance, and indeed; operas are even mora rewardAlcestis is abducted from her no attempt, was made at his trig.

The Commodores New Victoria

Richard Williams The lates: generation of black Earth, Wind and Fire, have Soul bands reveals a wholesale made extensive use of such de-and quite remarkable return to vices, evidently borrowed from the values: of minstrelsy and the more egregiously showy the medicine show. Once known and of the rock world. for their slick suits and precise

suits, and to employ confetti "husiness" to camouflage the guns, thunderflashes, and smoke essential sterility of the com-

Dick Cary's twin claims to

fame are that he was a mem-

unhelpfully about the horn family, as introduced by Adolph Sax, "The nomenclature is in

Sax, "The nomenclature is in complete confusion"). It turns

out to look like a pre-shrunk euphonium, necessizating a microphone directly overhead,

and to sound like a melifluous

Dick Cary

Pizza Express

Miles Kington

music in concert, Terhaps there is an element of competition in-volved, for in recent years the Commodores' concemporaries, like Kool and The Gang and

for their slick suits and precise choreography, with (in the case of James Brown) the occasional bistrionic swoon, they are now make music for dancing, and taking on the rock groups at their own theatrical game.

Doubtless some sociologist the expence of harmonic and will soon tell us why six young college graduates from Alabama college graduates from Alabama in tinselled and befurred space in the most basic rabble-rousing suits, and to employ confetti "husiness" to camouflage the guns, thunderflashes, and smoke essential sterillity of the com-Of course, it has something to

The six Commodores, reinforced by three auxiliary musicians, 'ran smoothly through their favourites: "The Bump" "Machine Gun", and "I Feel Sanctified", all had the audience feverishly learing from the stalls to blow whistles and bellew lest year's disco slogans. Happily, though, the group chose also to display the more thoughtful and attractive side of its character, impousit the

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The six Commodores, rein-

thoughtful and attractive side of its character, itwough the expansive, yearning ballads of the lead singer, Lionel Richie. His lean, slightly mocking delivery on "This is Your Life", "Sweet Love", and, especially, the glorious "Just to be Close to You" harked back to an era when Soul was about the straightforward communication of deep appoint. munication of deep emotion.

positions.

budget, of course, permits no tell me that some of his later

valve trombone or perhaps the brass equivalent of a contralto Jazz does not have so many

stranger in the repertoire, and the haunting, slightly far-off flavour of Dick Cary's alto horn, besides the trumpet and piant he plays the alto horn, a rare instrument in jazz. Until Friday night I wasn't even sure what it looked like (the Concise Oxford Dictionary of Music says unhelpfully about the horn family, as introduced. was many an Eddie Condon jam. having: to write their order session on which his cool condown and hand it to the waiter down and hand it to the waiter over intervening heads, but it over intervening heads, but it seems a backhanded danger of having your toes compliment to say that Cary's playing is valuable as a contrast to those around him, there are many lazz manifestans of Rill Coleman, the veteran Paris. are many jazz musicians of Bill Coleman, the veteran Paris-whom one cannot even say that. Curiously, his trumpet playing 7.

is conceived in exactly the same way as his alto horn playing, sticking somewhat moodily to the lower register, but whereas instruments to beast about that his horn sounds refereshing, the it can afford to ignore a same effect on trumpet is exceedingly tedious; a trumper should be played as a trumpet, not as one of Adolph Sax's off-

Spring.
The Pizza Express in Dean Street, by the way, is now getting rather crowded on jazz nights, with some customers having to write their order down and hand it to the waiter

### TV chamber music at its best

The Lively Arts BBC 2

Michael Church

I have not yet worked out why, alone among composers, Beethoven should seem to have created less a sequence of artifacts than a vast and endlessly mysterious landscape. As a keen lay planist, I have for decades regularly picked my way along its paths; but with technical familiarity the intel-

lectual mystery deepens. lust as the chamber music is more interesting than the symphonies, so the music Beethoven wrote for the piano is, it seems to me, more densely original even than the string quartets: small is indeed beautiful:

The 150th anniversary of his death (anniversaries are, after all only excuses for doing what we want to do anyway) has given rise to some magnificent ductory char kast night was both concise and illuminating; his performance constitutes per-given rise to some magnificent

stupendous series of sonata concerts at the Queen Elizabeth Hall is now succeeded by the BEC's own more accessible tribute—nightly chamber concerts this week late on BEC2 and last night in The Lively Arts, the second of two excellent workshops on Beethoven's late piano music by Charles Rosen.

the grandeurs and terrors of this labyrinthine demonstration of the art of composition. The BEC have now more or less perfected the art of televising chamber music. This programme showed the process at ats best. No tricksy camera work, just long gazes at the keylear over Rosen's shoulder, or under his elbow, with the occasional slow circle round

Last night's programme dealt with the Diabelli Variations, with the Diabelli Variations, that mighty oak of a work which grew out of another man's gimmicky acorn of an idea. In this, Eesthoven looks back over the previous hundred years of European music and sends out magisterial hints as to what it all might really mean.

Less demonic than Brendel, of the thought.

Rosen is none the less just as compelling an interpreter, and tors. A reader has pointed out Rosen is none the less just as

up from under his elbow, with the occasional slow circle round him. Some piamists are posi-tively distracting to watch: not so Rosen, whose unobtrusive but expressive movements amplify what his hands are say-ing. And—another virtue, of course, of any embodied per-formance—there are times in this work when the movement of the hands themselves accen-

his powers of verbal communication my article on Panorana cation are superior. His intropurely supportive role of prison visitors with the more disciplinary one of Boards of Visitors.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from Saturday's later editions.

### In touch with a masterpiece

The Memorandum Orange Tree, Richmond

apparatchik who lets the natives do their own dirty work, and every life-killing new edict defended as an expression of the will of the masses.

To anyone unfamiliar with the piece, this may sound like a summing up of Dr Husak's regime, coupled with lines of superb double-think ("it is pre-cisely this surface inhumanity of a language that truly preserves its human function")
worthy of Rude Pravo's tortuous
obituary comments on Professor Patocka. But The Memorandum dates from the mid-Sixties, now amazingly receiving its first

The prophetic quality of this terms, and also to switch sym-saire, once labelled absurdist pathy against him for ignoring but long overtaken by the non-what was going on in his organ-sensical infouties of Czech life, ization and then failing to is one mark of the classic approse it. Sharply translated by single perfectly aimed blow Vera Blackwell and backed with that fells half a dozen rought a Satie score of heartless joility, trees. Applying equally to the the production brings you un-bureautrant inhumanities of mistakably in touch with a East and West, everything is impasternies. East and West, everything is.

masterniece.

Laiquity Brum Studio,

Birmingham Repertory

Ned Chaillet Iniquity, or, to take Tolstoy's original title for the story on which the one-man play is based. The Kreutzer Senata—or better yet, to take Tolstoy's second title, which the play should have done, How's Husband Killed his Wife—is almost a feminist manifesto, but more than that, it is an indictment. than that, it is an indictment of masculine scupidity, of the name of male domination throughout history. Through one man's criminal act, the murder of his wife, Tolstoy sought to show that man's manipulation of woman, turning father Pheres or the use of a four-headed Cerberus. her into madonna or whore to fit his fantasies, was the real Most of the large cast handled their roles with assurcrime, murdering the human potential of half the population. ance and reasonable compe-tence. Claire Powell deserves

potential of half the population.

In the black space of the Birmingham Rep's workshop theatre, the Brum Studio, the flicker of a flame under a reapot is the only light at first, but the stillness is burst by light and the space epithet, "Bitch".

The wife-murderer Pozdayshev grance lically recounts his grime. mention for her smooth and dignified Alcestis. Rosemary Ashe for her fresh portrayat, vocally and otherwise, of Alcestis's maid Cephise.

The power of Louis's purse, however, came across most clearly in Lully's brilliant music. Those who should know syangelically recounts his erime, and his realization of his greater guilt. I killed my wife before I ever met her."

With intense phrase and pas-sionate veice, David Suchet creates the character, mainly

aging director's struggle with a synthetic new language, Prydepe, designed to improve office procedure. The story is Irving Wardle
In this fable Vaclav Havel shows a community being invaded, its leader deposed and a pupper ruler re-elected, every stage of the game supervised by a silent apparatchik who lets the natives do their own dirty work, and every life-killing new edict defended as an expression of the game and expression of the game supervised by a silent apparatchik who lets the natives do their own dirty work, and every life-killing new edict defended as an expression of the story is very much the work of a continuation of kafka, and one can imagine how he might have been telling lies about Joseph G, for one fine merining he found himself our of his job." But it is Kafka plus marvellons jokes, plus a mastery of mathematic thinking, it is itself a beautiful machine, containa beautiful machine, containing nothing bur essential working parts, from the spineless liberal boss (Roger Swaine) and his relentlessly power-seeking assistant (John Challis) down to the mute Mr P (Paddy Ward) who sits filing his nails amid the tumult, and the lowly typist (Cindy O'Callaghan) who manages to back-comb her hair with one ear to the ground.

Perhaps the funniest scenes in Sam Walters's production

implicit in the fable of a man

are those in the classroom with the teacher (John Baddeley) passing on the innunerable amazingly receiving its first professional stage performance in Britain as part of Richmond's Havel season (which also and boo" to his star pupil includes a midday programme: (Tony Aitken), But the main on Czechoslovakia, A Faraway: achievement of the show is to Country, assembled by Jeramy render Joseph G's nightmare Paul and George Theiner). Sense of exclusion in comic The prophetic quality of this sterms, and also to switch symstime, once labelled absurdist pathy against him for ignoring but long overtaken by the non-what was going an in his organ-

> The tale is of one man's journey through the promiscuity of youth to marriage and five children and the sudden realizachildren and the sudden realization that his wife is a separate human being with desires in her own. Her, perhaps ingoing summated, unfoithfulness provokes a jealous rared in Pozdnyshev, and his murder of her leads him, too late, trises the prison the made for her.
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> Peten Farago, who adapted and directed the story, until have, trimmed the property with the spare strength of his broduction is gripping. An atmospherically exact and ingenious sound track of trains shorting in and out of stations suits the mood, recapitating the fateful trip by train to confront the wife and lover, helping to build an almost circular passion as an almost circular passion as the phrases of accusation and understanding that began the

piece recur at the end.
Mr Sucher's relentless intensity is in marked contrast to his defer light playing earlier in the erening as Reg in The Norman Conquest, just as the moral obsession of Tolstov's story is in opposition to the tolerant addition of Alan Ayckbourne Tology I saw only Living Together; of that production, but the full and appreciative sudience was rewarded with a figuralian characterization from Barbara Flynn as Annie and an appearance of endearing Boy Scott tensity is in marked contrast from the confines of a chair, ance of endearing Boy Scout with little movement to defuse earnestness from Michael the power of Tolstoy's prose. Hughes as the hapless Tom.

### The show business

now know that Robertson Hare's favourite part is Grumpy, that John Stride prefers the "good ones" and David Kossoff the "big ones", that Geoffrey Sumner and David Markham (when the latter is not immersed in Kremlinology) share the same recreation—pig-keeping, that William Gaskill was formerly a male nurse and Robert Lang a

male nurse and Robert Lang a male turse and Robert Lang a meteocologist, that Ron Moody's real hame is Moodnick and Charles Kay's is Piff, that Susan Fleetwood was educated at 16 schools and Felicity Kendal at six Indian convents. If this information seems incidental, even irrelevant, let me emphasize that it is the wrapping which encompasses the raison d'être of the volume: complete biographies of several

thousand actors, directors, playwrights (or more pretentiously dramatic author" as some describe themselves), designers, critics and impresarios. Where else could one answer a question that niggled me recently? Who was the RK who signed a warm tribute in The Times to that patrician actor, the late Anthony Nicholls? One clue was given: that they had appeared together in A Family and a Fortune with Alec Guinness. Say no more. Who's Who in the Theatre indexes all London and

New York olaybils between 1971 and 1975, and the cast list for A Family and a Fortune revealed RK as Rachel Kempson. Yet the imperfections become obvious as one scans the
lists of forg runs, the opening
detes and first managements of
Broadway and West End
theatres, the obituary, the index
to names which appeared in
mervious editions comes who previous editions, octors who are, in the editors euphemism.
"no longer active" ("an asterisk follows the names of a number of artists believed to be

number of artists believed to be dead, but for whom no date of death has been traced." Where are you, May Agate, Robert Andrews, Nellie Bowman, Camille Clifford, Forbes Dawson, Winifred Fraser and the rest?). It slowly sinks in that this is so totally theatrical a Who's Who that film and television are, in the main, excluded or at best rate a mere "also ran" status. status.

This does make for absurdi-

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edition. There are, also, too many absences. Checking against the current West End theatre list I noted no Michele Dotrice, Richard Beckinsale, Margaret Courtenay, June Whitfield, Derek Bond, Brian Murphy, Norman Rossington. Why, too, are the dramatic critics of the Daily Telegraph, The Sunday Times and The Observer ig-nored? If space is the problem the editors should be ruthless in their editing. It simply is not necessary for almost every entry to be littered with "played" or "appeared in or something similar before parts and plays. On another tack I hope that next time round the playbills will include a survey

of the best from the repertry
companies. There is too much
that is too good to be ignored.
Mistakes fall into two cate
gories: literals which plague
us all (Richard Kay's career
becan apparently, six years bebegan, apparently, six years be-fore his birth) and errors of fact which it is up to the editors to spot. I would, in particular, draw their combined attentions to the marital status of a large number of the biographies. Even a cross-check herween entries would have picked up some oddities and impossibilities—on perhaps bigamy is common in the theatrical pro-

fession? One last delight. The pages devoted to the Working Dimensions of London Theatres reveals that the Coliseum's revolve is "inoperable" (what has Lord Harewood been up to?), that the details of the traps at the National's Olivier will be supplied "on applica-tion" (has Peter Hall some-thing to hide?), and that the Royalty has a flat stage "with lift carrying swimming pool" (surely the explanation as to

why it is so often dark?). Ion Trewin

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### Why the Chancellor should be thinking of a £2 billion cut in taxes

portance anyway. Our view is caused by external events, that unemployment at its pres- After the rise in world prices ent level is a major evil in of oil and raw materials in tiself, that the circumstances 1973 and 1974, a temporary which have brought it about wave of inflation went through make inflation worse not better, and that it can be remedied by

Government policies.

The reality of unemployment is evident in most parts of the UK except for a few counties around London. School leavers have no sure prospect of their first job; men and women in the middle of their working life become permanently redund-ant; older people are forced into premature retirement. The total number of people regis-tered as unemployed in Britain is now about 1.4 million people and probably would be some 200,000 higher but for temporary subsidies and job creation

Of the total on the register well over half a million have been continuously out of work for more than six months. One quarter of a million are under 20 years old. There is no region of the UK where male unemployment averages less than 5; per cent; it is over 8 per cent per cent; it is over 8 per cent in Wales and three regions of England, 10 per cent in Scot-land and 12! per cent in Northern Ireland.

The cost of recession on this scale is not only to be measured in terms of frustration and loss of income for those out of work or by insecurity for those in employment. If unemployment had been held down to say three-quarters of a million, the total real national income would be nearly 10 per cent higher than it is; public expenditure cuts would have been unnecessary; industrial capacity and investment would be much

higher than they are.
Unemployment has been caused by insufficient foreign Unemployment has been caused by insufficient foreign
demand for British exports and excessive British demand for Policy Review this year and imports from abroad. These last, does not support the view caused the defick in our bal-

In the past two years it has commonly been said that unemployment is necessary if inflation is to be reduced, or that it to be reduced, or the reduced by the reduc ployment is necessary in that it is of secondary income cost of imports were partly result of money income claims portance anyway. Our view is caused by external events. (in particular wages, taxes, income claims of the cost of imports were partly result of money income claims of the cost of imports were partly result of money income claims of the cost of imports were partly result of money income claims of the cost of imports were partly result of money income claims of the cost o

the industrial countries. Most other countries (though not the United Kingdom) made the serious mistake of supposing that they could stop the infla-tion by restrictive fiscal and monetary policies; what they achieved was a slump in world trade and unemployment in their own countries, while un-loading a disproportionate share of the collective balance of payments deficit (made necessary by OPEC's surplus) onto the developing countries. But the stagnation in trade was also caused by the con-

tinuing relatively poor performance of British industry in world markets. Devaluation of sterling was expected to produce a large increase in exports and reduce unemployment; instead, devaluation has kept consumer prices rising 15 per cept a year or more with-our a significant export

response so far. Larger and earlier falls in the exchange rate for sterling would have caused inflation to be even worse than it was; they might well have caused a wage response which would also have rendered them inef-fective. Our conclusion is that, in accordance with what we have been saying for several years, the present unemployment, and to some extent the present inflation, are the inevtable consequence of not having already introduced import controls, the case for which should have been strengthened by the restrictive financial policies of other industrial

countries.

(in particular wages, taxes, import prices) exceeding the total real income available.

According to this view, inflation has been made worse, not better, by recession since this has reduced output and thereby total real income available for distribution, without reducing income claims by a corresponding amount, if at all. The wage component of in-flation has been temporarily

reduced by the incomes policy in force since 1975; but the import price component of in-flation has been increased by falls in sterling while the public sector component has been increased by attempts to cut the PSBR (which meant with-drawal of subsidies and sharp increases in nationalized industry prices).

The pay policy has also created anomalies as serious as, or even worse than, those caused by inflation itself. So although the pay policy has generally been adhered to, price inflation bias not been reduced much so for; nor, since pay policy has distorted wages and salaries to a degree which can apply now he corrected by here. only now be corrected by large money pay settlements, is inflation likely to be reduced much in the next year or two.
It is to be hoped that reflation will be undertaken by western governments this year, and that this will be accom-panied by stabilization of the price of basic materials at a level high enough to secure sufficient expansion of their supply. If the price of raw materials remains too low, any recovery of world trade risks

the 1973-74 crisis.

The cost to industrial countries of concerning will prices for raw materials will be small as compared with the resources they could generate in a recovery from recession, and trivial as compared with

the income they could gain from sustained industrial growth in future. But it is unlikely that under

existing policies the problem of unemployment in Britain will be solved by world reflation, nor even by North Sea oil, because United Kingdom industry as a whole has neither sufficient capacity nor sufficient competitive power visa vic competitive power vis-a-vis foreign producers to prevent a very large trade deficit at full employment.

In order to achieve any reduction in unemployment, an unusually fast growth of business output is necessary from now on because the labour supply is rising again for demo-graphic reasons, because the Government's special job creation schemes are only tem-porary, and because public sector employment is being held

Even to keep unemployment constant at its present high level would need a growth rate of 314 per cent a year; to get unemployment down well below 1 million probably needs a growth rate of 5 per cent per angum sustained for ten voors. The scale of expansion required is very much larger and more continuous than anything achieved in the past. The major obstacle is that even if the present cost advantage of United Kingdom industry is maintained, our shares of home and world markets are unlikely to be high enough to support the necessary growth of home demand.

In other words, despite rising balance of payments gain from North Sea oil and gas, it seems likely that growth of the British economy at a rate high enough to reduce unemploy-ment will still in future run into balance of payments prob-lems, just as in the past. This is all the more likely

because United Kingdom industries here been damaged by three years of stagnation and other countries may not reliate enough to secure a full re-covery of world trade.

In addition to a growth rate priate size of the budget defment, Britain also has to contend with continuing inflation. of private income over expend-in our view it is quite unreal jours and on the rate at which listic to aim at any fast reduc-tion in inflation. In the long term, prosperity and full employment could provide the income necessary to meet claims more fully. Meanwhile, inflation, which took a decade to accelerate from 3 per cent to over 10 per cent, will probably remain at least at 10 per

ce t for several years.

In these circumstances the theoretical option of further devaluation as a means of improving exports seems imprac-tical. Although North Sea revenues could help to cushion the effect of devaluation on real wages, the shortage of in-dustrial capacity is likely to make devaluation ineffective for many years to come.

The only strategy which could hold the trade deficit in check in a period of fast growth of home demand and output is restriction of im-ports. This would be much ore effective and certain in its timing than devaluation and would not give the same boost to inflation. Although it would cause temporary shortages of various goods, it will permit an acceleration of industrial growth to which capacity in virtually every sector would eventually be adjusted. To be fully effective, restric-

tions of imports should be accompanied by increased pullic investment and continued industrial subsidies so that the expansion of capacity starts soon enough and on a suffi-

Whether the trade balance rights itself or has to be pur right by import restrictions, fast growth requires an appropriate fiscal policy to generate sufficient home demand. The Government's agreement with the IMF at present commits in to reduce the PSBR to a degree which is likely to ensure slow growth and a further rise in unemployment.

It is true that the appro-

iture and on the rate at which foreign debt is to be repaid. In the past two years the private sector surplus has been larger than we had expected; having inderestimated the necessary budget deficit in the past we have be overestimating it now. But it appears to us that cuts it public expenditure have now gine so far that, unless they are reversed, large tax reduction are needed to stop the PSBI from being too small. By ou reckoning the scale of tax cu in the coming Budget ought to be if the order of £2.21 billion There are two dangers for the future. One is that reloctance to introduce trade restrictions will mean an inevit-

able check to future growth as soon as imports start to rise fast. The second is that any budgetary reflation will be strictly limited to the amount consistent with a rising balance of payments surplus in order to

peak of the oil boom in the mid-1980s with unemployment of two million or more, and United Kingdom industry will be ill-equipped to provide for the strains of declining revenues thereafter.

Unemployment can be cured but only by budgetary relation and restriction of imports. A start on both policies should be made now as North Sea oil makes the task possible to

mercy of authorities whose concept of justice is very dif-

Many of the problems arise from the lack of adequate consultation with the governments of Iran and Turkey, the countries through which these routes run. The best approach.

to these governments is un-doubtedly through the EEC, since the interests of Britain in

keeping the routes open is

Western Europe. Our Foreign

Office together with the Department of Trade must take a more intelligent interest

in the EEC Mediterranean policy and its implications for

The trade with the Middle

East involved in these long-dis-

tance lorry routes is vital to

our economy. It is not enough

simply as an information ser-vice for firms and to hope that

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ferent from our own.

Francis Cripps and Wynne Godley

### The black nan's burden which helps to keep Zanbia in doubt overits future

icit (or PSBR) depends criti-cally on the size of the surplus theme which recurs with in a arround 25 per cent and un-reasing frequency in Zambia's esployment is rising. member National Assembly criticism of President Kaunda's Government for its excessive/concern with external

have publicly suggested the country is paying too hih a price for its moral princips. Zamia, they say, has me enough for Z mbabwe khodesia and it is now time the country concentrated more on its own interests. One of them ever suggested that if Laire could continue transporting its goods through Rhodesia then Zamna, which closed its order with Rhodesia in 1973, should

of payments surplus in order to pay off foreign debt rapidly and accumulate exchange reserves unnecessarily. In one way such policies will seem a soft option. On the foreign side they will be regarded as safe and acceptable.

At home those who remain in embloyment may get a reasonable increase in real carnings, financed by North Sea oil. But if these conventional policies are followed. Britain is likely to reach the peak of the oil boom in the lapse of Mr Ivor Rehard's mis-

lapse of Mr Ivor Rehard's mis-sion last mouth estroyed—at least for the time being—what-ever hopes exists for a negot-iated settlement; the talk now in Lusaka is of irensifying the guerrilla war, war which could eventually pill over the

border into Zamia.

However, Rhodsia is not the only, or even the most important, cause of Zanbia's present economic difficultes (sithough economic difficultes (although it often proves to be a useful scapegoat). Athough the border closure a said to have cost Zambia abut 1360m, the benefits would robably only be marginal if it were now suddenly to by reopened, and would certain not lead to immediate transformation to the country's conomic outlook. For a stat, Zambia has developed alternative communication route, notably the

to Dar es Saam, plong which virtually all its 700,000 tons of copper expers are now being carried. As Lambia must ever tually repay a £200m loan the Chinese it will be anxios

the Chinese it will be anxios to resp as nuch revenue from this line aspossible.

And although some of he treffic that is now bing carried of the Tanzam ine would be switched ack through Bodesia if the toder respended the volume vuld probably he substantially wer than before the claure. Furthernore, the reopening of the Victoria Falls bride to Zambian bound traffic louid bring with it an unwecome. bring with it an unwecome wind of competition for those secondary industries as other commercial operations which have developed in Zama since the border closure.

Ambia's present diculcies are the result of a naber of factors — the gener world recession, the closur of the communications link chrough the closur of the communications and American Rhodesia and Angel, rising defence expenditure nd, most important of all, the ill in the price of copper. Test have been compounded a high degree of mis-mana ment and general inefficiency in many governmental and para-stutal

they have the right documentation. The Government's failure to exercise control over the firms who take exceptional and ill-considered risks is bringing Britain's road hardage industry into disrepute. We risk losing our share of the transit quotas and the valuable trade they signify if this goes on. The Government must regulate this traffic.

The author is Labour MP for Basildon.

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To ever the right documental and para-stural organizations.

"Zambia's ecomy bas taken a nose dive not there is no sign that it will flatten out?", one westen observer commented. The hance of payments, which we once comfortably in surple, has moved sharply into the ded. The Government has maged to curb the high level if imports, but the result has reen stagnating industrial production and wide-spread shortars. At the same time inflation's roaring ahead

The Government seems at a

lss to knov what to do next. 1 June, 1975, President Kaunda Kaunda's Government for its accessive/concern with external itted the cuntry on a marked matters, particularly Southern for its affice, while too little attention is paid to the country's burgeoning domestic problems.

Hackbench MPs from Zambia's sole political party, the United National Independency Party (UNIP), who are offer remarkably outspoken in the attacks on the Government, have publicly suggested that

A compination of food shortages, soming prices and fewer jobs inevitably creates feelings of resertment. There are signs that discontent is rising and could jet worse. Zambians at all levels, both privately and in public, seem increasingly pre-pared to criticize the govern-ment for its failure to stem the decline.

The degree of discontent should not be exaggerated. The Government is not in danger of being topoled. The state of emergency which was intro-duced during the student unrest over Zambia's stance during the angolan civil war last year, is till in existence and could be used to quell any new outburst/

President Kaunda, although he has bet some of his magic, still stads head and shoulders above any other political leader. And Zambia, for all its prolems, remains remarkably fee, with hardly any of the plice state trappings which exist in many other Africa countries. Critics can still hake themselves heard without the fear of being withou the fear of being locke up.

The real test of the Governmens popularity will come with the elections next year, the econd to be held since the courtry became a one-party stat. The Government camer los because all those contest in the elections must be UNIP numbers. numbers, but President Kunda could be embarrassed by a low poll. All the indicaphis are that the party bas filed to attract widespread apport and that in some areas, octably the copper best, it provokes a degree of hostility. There is now speculation cation route, notably the whether President Kaunda in Chinese-built Tanzam railway an attempt to broaden his politol Dar es Sauam, along which rical support, will turn to his

old adversary, Mr Simon Kap-wepwe, a former Vice-President of Zambia. Mr Kapwapwe's United Progressive Party (UPP) was banned in 1972 and he was held in detention for a time Recently talks were held be-tween him and Mr Aaron Milner, the Interior Minister. but they were incondusive. The importance of Mr Kapwepwe is that he is the acknow-

ledged leader of the Bemba, one of Zambia's largest tribes. It is the Bemba's eclipse from and ional politics which largely explains UNIP's poor showing on the copper pelt, where the dent Kaunda, who has always managed to main aid a delicate tribal balance within his administrations, could well be anxious to bring the Bemba back into the mainstream of Zombian politics at this stage.

At the same time, President Raunda is coming under in creasing pressure to bring some young blood into his administration. There is a new generation of Zambian who feel be has surrounded smself for mo long with loyal but often in-effective collectues from the

early days of intependence. But this new group is itself divided over wat course Zambia should take Some favour a greater degre of free enterprise, but others believe the Marxist style c government be ing tried in Agola and Mozan-bione could be the answer 10 hioue could be the answer to MOM (2) bate which islikely to intensity during the eriod until next

year's elections. Nicolas Ashford

### Eric Moonman

### The loneliness of the long-distance lorry driver

times. The 10.000-mile round trip was no picnic on £9 a day expenses; the delapidated state of his cab unit made him suspi- to the tanker owner and the clous of his employer's tanker driver's family of £6,700. Fortunately, his finances: and he knew from other drivers that he would be vulnerable if anything went wrong. But it was a job, and these were increasingly hard to come by in south-east Essex. And then the accident be dreaded happened. Driving his cab unit through Turkey on his way home from Kuwalt, he was negotiating a right-hand bend when he encountered a Jeep parked in the middle of the road. His cab unit failed to respond to avoiding action, and he run into a petrol tanker. The tonker driver was killed and Mr Byron was thrown clear, suffering multiple frac-

tures of an arm and a leg, as His injuries were attended to in a perfunctory fashion at the nearest state hospital, but no treatment was given to his broken limbs. He managed to get bimself moved to an American military bospital in Istanbul but was later removed to the prison hospital, where there was no one qualified to treat bone injuries. The American doctor was allowed to visit him, but not to treat him, and monent damage as a result.

After three months in prison was brought to trial for dangerous driving, found guilty and fined £1,000. During this period his wife sent £6 a

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prison diet, which Mr Byron described as "pig swith". He also faced the possibility of a civilian claim for compensation £6,700. Fortunately, his employer, whose firm was now in liquidation, signed an under-

taking to pey this money within the next 12 months, for the alternative would have been indefinite jall for Ernie Byron, as the insurance coverage he had taken out on the Turkish border was only worth £161. Ecoie Byron paid his fine

out of money raised by his family and friends in Basildon, and then skipped out of Turkey before any further legal proceedings could be insti-

But perhaps worse than the agony of his injuries and the discomfort of the Turkish prison was the fact that no one seemed to care. The treatment accorded to foreigners who run into difficulties in Middle Eastern countries is well known, yet the British Foreign Office and consular offices apply the same rigid rules as they do elsewhere. It was known that Ernie Byron had no financial resources immediacely available (his wife and three children lived on social security benefits while he was held in Turkey) but no help with the cost of getting proper medical treatment at the American hospital, or proper fact while in proper medical areas or the proper medical areas or the fact while in the proper medical areas or the fact while in the proper medical areas or the food while in prison, or with his fine, even in the form of a

loan repayable when he was

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home in Britain, was offered.
Nor, apparently, were any
representations made to discover what had happened to
the cash, nearly £200, impounded by the police at the
scene of the accident, or to
the personal belongings in his
wrecked cab—several hundred
pounds' worth of camping
equipment. equipment.

No pressure was put on the Turkish authorities to see that proper medical attention given, and the Foreign Office apparently viewed without concern the possibility of a British citizen being held in a Turkish prison for anything up to 20 years in circumstances which were only marginally his own fault and which would never have orisen if the government had taken proper responsibility for regulating the activities of British firms operating long-

distance haulage abroad. Ernie Byron's case is not an isolated one. The oil price rises of the past three years have caused a rapid growth in the prosperity of the Middle East, and a consequent rise in exports from Europe to the countries concerned.

The Middle East ports and transport fucilities serving them have proved unable to cope with the increased traffic, and exporters have turned increasingly to road haulage for cargoes of all kinds. With loads valued at £100,000 a time, this traffic has been immensely profitable, and has attracted a large number of operators who are not properly equipped for the job, as well as some who are positively un-

A little difficulty like being unable to play host to the Eurovision Song Contest is not going to prevent Britain from playing her full role upon the European stage. At this very moment, while the Government teeters and the price of gas goes up again, British experts are attempting to prove our

Austria and Yugoslavia impose annual quotas limiting the number of foreign lorries passing through their territories. This quota is inadequate for the amount of traffic generated by the trade expansion in the Middle East, though the Foreign Office and Department of the Environment have had some success in negotiating in-creases in the British quota. But in the meantime, some

hauliers who were unaware of the legal methods of overcom-ing the quota limitations, took using forged permits, and led to a general distruct of British lovey drivers in the countries concerned. It was the possible political consequences of such unpopu-larity which led the Department of the Environment to legislate towards the end of 1975 for the inspection of permits and other necessary docu-mentation before the driver leaves the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom.

Absurdly, the British Government has not laid down any requirements for the insurance of motor vehicles taken abroad, and it is here that problems like Ernie Byron's arise. For the smaller firms and the one-man opera-tions tend to take out only by the law of the country they are visiting and under Turkish low, this is very low. The Government see their role as limited to "encouraging" visitors to Turkey, or other countries where the same situation applies, to take out uation applies, to take out much more extensive cover.

likely to bring Britain as a rions of cost subsequently. The whole into disrepute, so is alcofness of the consequently under insurance and consequently backs British nationals at the quent failure to pay compen-A driver backed by the resources of a large and repu-

table battlage company will be adequately covered, but drivers for smaller firms who will not spend the money risk rough treatment at the hands of Middle Eastern authorities. It would help Britain's image abroad, and would improve the restment accorded to British drivers, if British law were to establish that all British hauliers operating overseas were required to be insured to the same extent as they are when operating in this country, and that they were therefore adequately covered for any demage they might have done. It would require only a minor amendment to the International Road Haulage Permits Act, 1975, to ensure that insurance documentation was also exam-

The involvement of surance companies in provid-ing cover might in fact provide British lorry drivers with the kind of legal and investigatory assistance abroad which they ought to, but do not at present, such insurance as is required receive from the consular

the consulate to obtain the

lorry drivers will educate themselves to know whether they have the right documentation. The Government's

This is a totally inadequate right advice or treatment as

### The Times Diary

### A bloody tussle over the puddings

are attempting to prove our world superiority in the field of the black pudding. The picturesque little Normandy town of Mortagne au Perch, which has few other carnivals with giant pudding-shaped marionettes, and an agricultural show. Pudding championships are held in a large hall in the centre of the claime to world renown, has this week been playing host to five ripe tons of cooked pig blood and a herd of pork but-chers for the fifteenth annual Concours Du Meilleur Boudin, the European Black Pudding Championships. It is the largest, and with any luck the only, event of its kind in the world. Alan Hamilton was there and

Knees-up

Mortagne au Perch has one Mortague au Perch has one thing in common with Barusley, Chorley, Burnley and Argyle Street, Glasgow: it believes itself to be the home of the finest black puddings available anywhere. With Gallic chauvinism, the French are pregared to pit the French are prepared to pit their puddings against all comers—always provided, of course, that the contest is on home ground. Unfortunately they do not often win.

This year's contest attracted some 600 entries from through-our Europe, including 50 from Britain: by the end of the three day festival, eight British entries remained in the running. The winners are not announced until next weekend, which gives the organizers an excuse for another knees-up, and the prizes are not presented

gives them ret another excuse.

The pudding contest is a thing to be eaten in quantical with giant pudding.

The pudding contest is a thing to be eaten in quantical with giant pudding. and cleared the palate between tastings with mineral water and Normandy cider. "Alors", declared a sharp-suited French judge on seeing the flat cake-shaped baked pudding from Bill Whitfield of Washington, Co Durham; "C'est un pantake, non?" cake, non?"
Whitfield was watching from

large hall in the centre of the show, with the numbered entries, identified only by country, laid out on long trestle tables for the judging. Spectators lean on the rails to watch with an intense appreciative interest only otherwise seen in the paddock at Newmarket.

This year's United Kingdom judge was Les Till, a rotund pork butcher and magistrate from Jersey. "I give them points for colour, consistency, flavour and presentation", he explained, pointing out one sad British entry which will be receiving no medals because all its diced pork far had sunk to the bottom during cooking. the bottom during cooking. Till's own pudding came top of the British entries three years

Caviar

The puddings are sent by post to Mortagne at least a week before the judging, and are stored. "Last year the judges required more than their usual fortitude", said Till. "The refrigeration broke down." Losing competitors down." Losing competitors suspect that the French hosts leave the foreign entries out in

the sidelines, accompanied by Jack Thornley from Chorley, Lancashire—the only other British butcher who took the pre-caution of bringing his entry to the contest by hand. Both to the contest by hand. Both men have an array of cups and medals from previous contests. "Mind you", said Thornley blundly, "we weren't even allowed to compete in the old days. You could not even get a British black pudding into France usual de Gaulle died." "My black puddings", retorted Whitfield. "are known all over the world. In Cyprus they call them the caviar of the

all over the world. In Cyprus they call them the caviar of the north of England. And when I went on holiday to Malta last year, the first words I heard when I walked into the hotel were: "I'll bet he hasn't brought any black puddings."

All matters of importance relating to the black puddings are in the hands of a superficially august body known as the Conferie Des Chevaliers du Goute-Boudin, a sort of Black Goute-Boudin, a sort of Black Pudding Brotherhood whose

Grand Moster, or godfather, is Aldonce Gotteri, a local garage proprietor and prominent citi-

acopretor and prominent citizen of the first time I met Gotterl he was lying under a Citroen", said Thornley when no one clse was listening. "What does he know about pucklings?" "What over puddings?"

So I asked Gotteri how he could be a pudding authority when he is in fact a garage proprietor? "C'est un anuscatalized with a

proprietor? "C'est un amusc-ment", he declared with a magisterial wave of the hand, and walked off.

### Rites

The Chevaliers take themselves quite seriously, and have a uniform of scarlet robes uniform of scarlet robes trimmed with ermine, a hat like a curly bowler, and a coat of arms consisting of crossed griddle and toasting fork. Initiation ceremonies, for those who have served the cause of the boudin well, involving a dubbing on each shoulder with a giant iron fork. Thornley and Whitfield, both members, are entitled to wear a large porcelain medallion round their necks. "If you become a Haut Officier you get one the size of a dinner plate", there explained. one the size of a dinner plate", they explained.

Don't make too much fun of it", counselled Whitfield.

"It's a serious honour, you

know: once you're in you get invited to wine tastings."

There is a darker side to the picture, however. During fine initiation ceremony each new chevalier takes an oath to eat a piece of black pudding every day for the rest of his life. It is whispered that the yow it not always strictly observed.

Because of the widely differing national characteristics know; once you're in you get fering national characteristics



vitation to destruction Tlus was potographed at a Stock-bridg hotel by I. M. Richard-son of Woodford Green, Essex.

cup s awarded to the winning enir from each country, with an everall prix d'honneur, which usually goes to the Ger-man's At the end of the pre-limitary judging Britain's hand-ful of remaining tentries locked ful of remaining sentries looked pitiul beside two whole tables of ferman finalists.

some authorities believe that wlat the Germans make is not really a black pudding at all lut a rich sausage of cooked neats which happens to be held together with pig's blood. They particularly disdain the Ger-man trick of adding jelly to make it heavier.

No escape

puiding, is a much weaker would find that all the losing mixture, containing little more entries in the contest, some of than blood, fat and omions, and locking like a tube of wet brow maturity, had been donated saydust.

Now your British pudding of black puddings, a separate said the two resident author

ties, " is a ir superior product and much hore nutritious. It's got barley groats, cooked meat spices, an delicious back fat from the oin of the pig ". In addition, pritish puddings are made to lok richer on the outside by sing d-pred in black pudding re, a concection available to le trade.

"Try his", said Whitefield. proferrig a morsel of his competition entry which he had sneake while the judges were conferring in a corner. "See how intaches you at the back of the hroat? Nutmeg, that is least the back of the hroat? Nutmeg, that is least the back of the hroat? Lovely Now try this one. See? One is boiled in the boiler, the other is baked in the oven-There nothing like a black puddig baked in the oven-It s difficult to get away

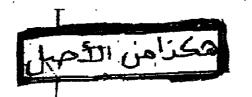
frompreddings during the three day of the fair. In an adjacent

daysof the fair. In an adjacent hall families were queuing up at sals to chew slices freshly cooler over a charcoal burner. Stringer men were chewing their way through nine-inch length of pudding housed in a Frena loaf.

Yeterday the highlight of the roceedings was a contest aniog local men to see who cout eat the greatest length of pusing. At the grand dinner of he chevaliers on Saturday nist, invited guests were seed with what appeared to besusage rolls; but it was not stage meat they were filled yth.

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evening will depend on its capacity to satisfy the Liberals. In one sense that might not seem too demanding a task. Mr David Steel bas been careful not to seek any impossible changes of policy: indeed, most of his suggestions come into the category of what the Government would do, or would wish to do, anyway in the present parlia-mentary circumstances. The days of the headlong rush to socialism are over for this Parliament. Most of the damage outlined in the Manifesto has already been done. So if the Government came to an arrangement with the Liberals it would not be forced to give up any measure of consequence on which its heart was

Mr Steel has mentioned four specific points: devolution, tax reform, direct elections to the European Parliament and worker participation, though not on the lines of the Bullock report. None of these should give too much difficulty. The Government is already engaged in talks with the other parties in an attempt to secure the necessary basis of agreement on devolution. Many ministers these days share the Liberal anxiety over the burden of direct taxation on incomes. The Government is itself committed to bring in legislation on direct elections to the European Parliament, and the Cabinet has agreed that one of the options to be put forward for public discussion in the White Paper should be proportional repre-sentation with a system of regional lists. Worker participation might cause the greatest influence. There are difficulties trouble, because the Government about that from the Govern-

Bullock preference for achieving this through the established union machinery. But the trade union movement is itself by no means united on this and there could be no majority for it in the present House of Commons.

But an arrangement of this

political consequence between

the Government and the Liberals

is not to be obtained simply by placing ticks against a list of policy items. The main problem would not at this time be on the substance of policy but on the form of the agreement. Mr Steel says he wants it to be open and public. It is easy to see why. There are two party advantages which the Liberals might hope to gain from such an accommodation. One is to demonstrate that they can exercise a moderating influence on whoever is in office. They might then be able to claim at a subsequent election that the best way to secure sensible, moderate government in Britain would be to vote for a strong Liberal representation in the Commons. That would be the most persuasive answer to the perennial charge of the wasted vote, but for it to be convincing the Liberals do have to show that they are in fact capable of bringing such pressure to bear. The other advantage the Liberals might hope for-though this would be more long-term and much more uncertain—is possibly to bring nearer that realignment in British politics of which they

have dreamt for so long.
The Liberals want, therefore, not only influence, but the public acknowledgment of that influence. There are difficulties

ment's point of view, for good reasons and bad. No Government can afford to look as if it is prepared to be humiliated by another party in order to cling to office. Mr Callaghan cannot be expected to say in effect that he will govern in future according to Liberal instructions. But ministers are inhibited not only by a proper regard for their own dignity and authority but also by fear of their left wing and of the ghosts that still haunt the party. Anything that savours in any way of a peacetime coalition is regarded in Labour circles as such a mark of mortal sin that ministers shrink from any agreement with another party even to do what they know the logic of their position will force them to do anyway. And there are those on the left whose greatest fear is compromise and who would relish the opportunities that they believe would be brought for them by defeat and a Tory government.

So if any accommodation between the Government and the Liberals is to be devised this week it will require subtlety and sensitivity. If the Liberals seek too much they will end with nothing, except the possibility of throwing the blame for an early election on to the Government. But there is much to be said, if it can be obtained, for an arrangement that would permit the present Government to remain in office for a bit while ensuring that there would be no more extremist measures. That would be preferable in the national interest to an immediate election at this time. But it does depend on an effective assurance from the Government on the

moderation of their ways.

touches

But what touches Zaire

Zambia. The

MISSIONARY MARXMEN IN AFRICA

show, and are meant to show, the strength and legitimacy of Russia': missionary interest in Africa. They contrast with the disarray of the West after the failure of the Anglo-American effort to present black Africa with an acceptable but peaceful achievement of their ambitions for Rhodesia-Zimbabwe, and vistas (if no more) therewith of change in South Africa itself.

President Podgorny is the personification of Russia's worldwide power, its oceanic navy, its intercontinental nuclear force, its pervasive and determined diplomacy. Such massive power' impresses 'the Africans, and does not yet frighten many of them. Dr Castro is, without his Russian delivery-system, nothing much. The Africans know that. But in many places besides Angola he has for years provided invaluable security and technical services, made palatable by his claim that he too is of their oppressed and exploited Third World. A formidable combination for some years, it is now overt and self-confident.

Russia's method in Africa must be the manipulation of personalities and regimes. It is not the Soviet neocolonialism in Europe hacked by armies on frontiers or in occupation. Penetration and control must be through Africa's

The moment

for everyone

Speculation about the outcome of Wednesday's "no confidence" vote in the Commons will get us nowhere, at least until crude deals have been

made in the next 36 hours or so. For oll we know, the well-known journa-

list is once again running between Eaton Place and 10 Downing Street, to inform Mr Tom McCaffrey, the Prime Minister's press adviser, according to precedent, what Mr Enoth Powell intends to do with the whole are part of the United

the whole, or part, of the United Ulster Unionist vote.

of truth

the stakes are high.

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The visits of Presidents Castro internal politics, which lend and Podgorny to their African themselves to it by their friends and clients this week opportunism. But Russia must offer to solve local as well as inter-African issues. The destruction of white rule is one, but only one. African regimes also have ambitions against each other, hard to reconcile, particularly in the South and in the Horn.

In Angola Russo-Cuban intervention gave President Neto victory. But now the Russians must deal with the consequences. The fighting in Shaba, formerly Katanga, is part of these. The frontier between Angola and Zaire runs almost as hot as the frontiers of Ethiopia. Each country harbours subversive forces wishing to overthrow the government of the other. President Mobutu backed the three groups which competed with President Neto's Marxist MPLA, and still keeps them in the field or as potential threats. Simultaneously President Neto has a counter-force in the exiled Katangan troops of Moise Tshombe. This group has now been persuaded that the time is ripe to drive against Shaba and its copper and manganese, with Cuban aid. Their object is to spark off a revolt against President Mobutu's unstable regime, reveal the demoralization of his army, and forestall Zairean counterplots against Cabinda and

countries stand together against the pressures of Marxist Angola and Mozambique, in whose control of access to the coast and use of Cuban troops they see a threat to their own independence. President Kaunda will have the opportunity to ask the relevant questions of both his visitors this week, in intervals between discussions on helping the Rhodesian guerrillas. His preoccupation is Rhodesia, but he cannot be happy at seeing Zaire, however indirectly, the latest victim of Russia's growing say in African affairs. He has shown more sensitivity than most African leaders to the dangers from Africa's weakness and divisions—the growth of puppet regimes, serving non-African interests—in the after-math of colonialism.

The extent of the threat to Zaire is not yet clear. The West must be circumspect, as President Carter obviously perceives, in jumping in with military aid. That might serve Russia's interests. But there cannot simply be acquiescence in Cuban intervention directed towards changing African governments, as well as installing and protecting them from their con-stituents. It may be best to take Zambia's advice on how to make it counter-productive. The West has few cards at the moment and must play with care.

opposition to cuts in spending forecasis. Mr Callaghan and his business managers decided that discretion David Wood was the better part of valour. Their technical motion asked only for adjourning the House and when the

> In short, the Government relied on procedural gamesmanship. So did Mrs Thatcher and the Opposition, who unlike the Labour left believe in spending cuts and could complain only that the wrong cuts or not enough cuts had been made. The Opposition, therefore, could not make fools of themselves by dividing against half a lost rather than a whole loaf. They had to depend on the Tribune group's forcing a division and defeating the Government by a direct wote against the cuts. In the event, the Tribune group, who are heroes only when there are no shots or courts martial, did not shout "No" to the adjournment motion. They sat silent as the Sphinx. At that point the Scottish Nationalists, aggrieved less by public spending cuts than by the Government's failure to carry its devolution Bill, leapt in with "No" and pro-

Scottish National Party shouted "No", not one Labour vote was cast in favour of the Government

For all we know, some other errand-boy has made his way under a flag of truce to explain Mr David Steel's terms to Mr Callaghan, and Mr Callaghan's to Mr Steel. For all we know, Mr Frank Tomney, the Labour stalwart of the right, who has been much our upon by his vided two tellers for a division. Figures: 293 votes to 0. To those outside Westminster, all hus been much put upon by his constituency party and the national that must seem a flimsy pretext for Thatcher to table a confidence" motion and precipitate a general election. Governments, it executive committee, has already decided that if the Government's reprieve depends upon his golden vote, then he will wreak vengeance might be felt, should be made to put their fortunes to the touch not on procedural points but on high hy denying it. Anything, from the heroic downwards, is possible when questions of principle and policy. Yet Mrs Thatcher is still right. It is not merely that for the first time Rather than speculate in persince she became leader she has muting voting figures, it is more profitable now to analyse unemocompletely broken up the tacit tionally what has happened and coalition between Government and small parties that has kept Labour low it happened. Having argued the point more than once in this and socialism in power since October

MPs and a majority of Labour's

national executive committee oppose

column, I can state quite simply 1974. It is also that the revenue side of the Budget gets lionized and the wat has happened. A government spending side gets ignored; and the two economically must be of equal that came into power with support from less than a third of the total electorate of the United Kingdom in October 1974, with a tiny Commons majority now eroded by We know that Mr Healey, the Chancellor, intends to bring in a defections and lost by-elections, can no longer live by bluff and blarney giveaway Budget on March 29, immediately before Stechford votes as it pursues a non-socialist econoin its by-election and before the TUC leaders agree to a third year mic policy and tries to appease us leit wing by "clause four "Bills. of pay curbs on the basis of what is called a "social contract" that The bluff has been called; or, the Government has essentially distorted, if not abandoned Con-servatives know that Tribune group more precisely, was not allowed to be called at the close of the public expenditure debate on Thursday night, because the Government dared not risk a substantive motion

that would reveal the left's militant what is called the Government's

economic strategy, or more exactly its package of economic shifts and

Mrs. Thatcher and the Shadow Cabinet are therefore justified in creating what Mr Callaghan has " moment of truth ", even on a basis of mere Westminster procedure: because the worm eating at the heart of Labour politics has been plain to see for years. Mr Callaghan no doubt meant it was "the moment of truth" for minor parties to decide between himself and Mrs Thatcher as Prime Minister. In a more important sense, it is the moment of truth for the Labour Party itself, the day a fundamental falsity is put to the test. What kind of party is it, and what kind of Government can it produce? Does it pursue "class" interests, or the long-term national interests, or either

according to party needs of the day?
Those are now questions that have
to be answered in the next few
hours by Mr Steel and the Liberals, and by Mr Enoch Powell and such Ulster Unionist MPs as he may influence. Or even by the three Plaid Cymru MPs: Mr Prentice, a former Cabinet minister now dis-carded by his constituency party and Mr. Tommey, the dismissed Labour MP for Hammersmith, North It is the moment of truth for

all of them. I do not pretend to know what the outcome in Wednesday's division will be I should not care, though, in be in Mr Steel's shoes as he makes a fateful decision for the Liberal Party. He has made the mistake of openly statiog his terms for a deal with Mr Callaghan, and they are terms that no Prime Minister could publicly accept. It is not valid, as Mr Steel has stated or implied, that there is a consensus in or outside Westmanster for Scottish and Welsh devolution, or for proportional representation in our voting system. The Government itself has accepted that the devolution Bill cannot vet be carried through Parliament; the weakness of the House of Commons exploited, suce March 1974, by the Government shows that a multiplicity of parties in the Commons can create governmental paralysis as well as

representational justice.
Yet we are probably in a situation when by procedural samesmanship Mr Callaghan and Mrs Thatcher have provided an opportunity for the people to decide when the longdiscussed reorientation of political forces, at least inside Westminster, should at last begin to take place. I hope for little, yet I could be Cannabis and the law

From Lady Wootton of Abinger Sir, Why, I wonder, has Mr Ronald Butt chosen this moment (March 17) to give thanks to Mr Callaghan for his rejection, when Home Secretary eight years ago, of the allegedly pernicious recommendations of what has become known as the

Wootton Committee on Cannabis? Is Mr Butt unaware of all that has happened since then? It may still be early days to be confident that prolonged or excessive use of can-nabis (as of any other drug) may not carry risks comparable to those which ar long last have been found to be associated with tobacco. But Professor J. P. D. Graham's recently published collection of papers by 12 eminent contributors shows that even on this point the flood of new research does not all point in the same direction. Meanwhile there has been a great change in the climate of Western opinion about the moderate use of camabis and the proper scope of legislative action in relation to this.

action in relation to this.

Already in the United States, eight states have taken steps to "decriminalize." the possession of tamabis, while at least a score of others are contemplating similar action; and now we hear that President Carter's administration is giving federal blessing to this policy. Other governments in Canada, in Europe, and in Australia are following the same wath. ing the same path.

But most remarkable of all is Mr But most remarkable of all is Mr
Butt's failure to notice that Mr
Callaghan himself is moving with
the times. The Government of which
he is the head has just presented
to Parliament a Criminal Law Bill
which would halve, by a reduction
from six months to three, the maximum sentence which a magistrates'
court can impose for possession of court can impose for possession of cannabis. Contrary to what is widely believed, neither my committee nor I have ever advocated the legalization of cannabis. But the Government's new proposal would bring the penalty for summary conviction the penalty for summary conviction. of possession actually below the level recommended by the infamous Wootton Committee.

Yours, etc. WOOTTON OF ABINGER, House of Lords.

Arabs at universities From Mr Antony Sherwood

Sir, Mr Morrell has put his finger on some very real difficulties in the way of Arab students coming to study in Britain (letter, March 16). But the picture is not entirely

The British Council, which has long standing interests in educa-tional cooperation in the Gulf, has over the past two or three years been in touch with a large number of British educational institutions, most of whom recognize the difficulties and are doing their best to overcome them. An increasing number of courses are being devised to reflect the known needs of countries such as the UAE, and the British Council has provided, and will continue to provide, the UAE Ministry of Education with details

of these. Offers of training in Britain are usually designed to enable UAE students to enter the system withour special preparatory training, but where this is necessary bridging courses can be designed to provide both English language training and the necessary academic qualifications.

Where courses already exist, the published fees for overseas students normally apply: where courses have to be specially set up to meet the needs of a particular group of students, the full economic costs have to be charged and inevitably it is high. Perhaps some private institutions try to make excessive profits out of this situation, but fortunately they are few.

Mr Morrell is right to stress the genuine friendship that exists in the UAB (and other Gulf states) towards Britain, particularly in the educational field, and the need to safeguard against the loss of this friendship through undue inflexibility. These matters were discussed at the UK UAE intergovernmental Joint Economic Committee meeting held in Abu Dhabi in December, and the British Council is now following up the opportunities for increasing cooperation revealed on that occasion.

Yours ever. ANTONY SHERWOOD, Head, Africa and Middle East Division, The British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, SW1. March 17.

Encouraging literature From the Director of the National Book League

Sir, Your readers may not be aware that Sweden does already have a scheme in operation very similar to that proposed by Tom Rosenthal in his article in *The Times* of February ruary 26.

The Swedish Government subsidises the publication of serious novels by contributing to their cost of production. The subsidy is depen-dent on advance orders being placed by public libraries, of which there must be a minimum of 40 copies by no less than 24 libraries. This obviztes having official selection committees and the like. It also means that readers can influence the choice of books by their local demands on the libraries.

The other side of this subsidy, which approaches very nearly to Mr Rosenthal's proposal, is that the publishers have to supply 1,250 free copies of each title subsidised to public libraries.

.This form of subsidy makes sure both that the worth while book can still be published and that it will secure an adequate readership. It is worth adding that a not too dissimilar scheme operates in Nor-

Yours faithfully, MARTYN GOFF. Director, National Book League, 7 Albemarle Street, W1. March 18.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prosecution of Ulster terrorists

From Mr Edward Hay Sir, Mr Airey Neave is right to say (March 17) that "many big fish among the terrorists in Northern

among the terrorists in Northern Ireland swim around with immunity. Certainly, when I served in Ulster, under a Conservative Government, that was the case. But the fact remains that it is extremely difficult to frame a law which on the one hand will bring forth a guilty verdict in a court of law, and on the other hand, will not trespass on the rights and freedoms. trespass on the rights and freedoms of the great majority of law abiding, citizens. I would hazard a guess that Mr Whitelaw, when Secretary of State, thought about the possibilities of such a law but rejected it on the

grounds of impracticability.

For Ulster will only return to normality if the due processes of fair and reasonable law are seen to be at work. Internment without trial was a mistake, as most people, with hindsight, will now acknowledge. It was a mistake largely because it brought the IRA considerable support in the Catholic ghettos but also because it was thought by the majority of the population to be

Therefore, at this critical time, when the IRA look to be losing their economic support from foreign countries, it would be unwise to give them the slightest banner to wave in the supposed cause of freedom. Your obedient servant. EDWARD HAY, London, SW1. March 17.

**BBC's** Irish troubles From Mr John Biggs-Davison, MP for Epping Forest (Conservative)

Sir, Following your balanced defence of the BBC (March 16), I would praise its determination to present facts and expose injustice without fear or favour. To that may be ascribed much of its worldwide

But a Corporation that calls itself "British" and is under Royal Charter cannot stay superbly aloof from a life or death struggle not

between rival communities or different opinions but between the defenders and destroyers of our democracy—between revolutionaries who, invariably rejected by the universal and secret ballot, turn to terrorism and all those who abide by constitutional process.

The few cases of military or police brutality must be investigated and punished. The Security Forces should not, and do not, lower them-selves to the level of the terrorists. But one must not forget that the exploitation of the media of mass information has long been a main weapon, skilfully used, of the physical force republicans. Broadcasters must therefore be on their ground left they be control. guard lest they be conned.

Indeed, a BBC concerned for

justice, objectivity and the public interest would present more vividly and more often the chivalry, cold courage and exertions which are routine in the Royal Ulster Constabulary and RUC Reserve as in the Ulster Defence Regiment and the Security Forces as a whole BBC viewers and listeners are among those whom they present with their these whom they present with their

those whom they protect with their service and with their lives.

If film making on location with actual personnel be too risky, a fictionalized series about the RUC could be both informative and enter-taining. The public appetite for police thrillers need not always begranified by noisy, trashy features imported for dollars. Yours faithfully, JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON, House of Commons.

From Mr F. E. McWillian Sir, I have the greatest respect for the integrity of the BBC, yet, with regard to Ulster I can't help thinking of the priest in the novel by Honor Tracey, who exhorted his flock to keep to the straight and narrow path between good and

Yours faithfully, F. E. McWILLIAM; 8A Holland Villas Road, W.1. March 17

President Amin From Sir Walter Coutts

Sic, I would like to support Miss. Elizabeth Frink's letter in your edition of March 17, on the subject of President Amin. On Tuesday June 3, 1975, I asked, as a former Governor of Uganda; to see the Foreign Secretary (then Mr Catta-ghan) about the position of the tyrannous regime in Uganda with particular reference to certain refugees in this country and else-where and also because too many of my good African Ugandan friends, officials and Ministers, were by theu dead. I saw an Under Minister who informed me nothing could be done.

Something can be done if we all make our voice heard and our name very clear. The Kikuyu in Kenya have a proverb Kamuingi Koinga Kdiri which very loosely translated means "the little body of men can more easily lift the heavy load". Communal rather than individual effort is necessary. I sympathise with the Prime Minister who was sent by his predecessor to Uganda to plead with Amin for the life of

one of our own citizens. The Prime-Minister's personal position can now only be much more difficult. Two lines of action seem to me

necessary.

(1) As regards the Commonwealth Conference everyone of us who really do believe in human rights, should make it abundantly clear that not on any account do we wish this men to put his foot in Great Britain and all the Commonwealth Prime Ministers particularly the Africans should speak from the heart and not diplomacy on this occasion and say they do not want him to attend. (2) Every affort must be made

our Government through pressure from us to make the United Nations act. If that body is prepared to do its duty, unlike its Human Rights Commission, then it should cease to indulge in double talk and carry out the intervention which the free world obviously wants and justice demands. Yours faithfully,

WALTER COUTTS. 6 Stanmore Gardens, Mortimer, March 18

Exit the cream cracker From Mr Derrick R. Hornby

Sir. We are sorry that in your third leader "Exit the Cream Crecker" of March 17, you feel is necessary to part from an "old friend." on an issue which is of importance to our other friends, the consumers. You seem to have failed entirely to make an assessment of the consequences of the United Kingdom accepting the draft regulation to which you have now given your unqualified support.

Quite rightly, you say that one of the main purposes of this proposed regulation will be to erode the butter and skimmed milk powder mountains in the EEC. However, as a point of principle the Food Manufacturers' Pederation does not believe that the method of disposing of surpluses should be to force food manufacturers to use these surpluses to replace other products to the detriment of the producers and consumers of those other products. The only solution to the surplus problem is by cutting the return to that sector which

creates the surplus. It is ironic that, contrary to your belief, this proposed regulation will. in fact, increase, not reduce, the EEC deary mountains. A recent survey carried out by the Food Manufacturers' Federation shows that, if this proposed regulation were to be implemented, liquid milk consumption would be reduced by about 30 million

Not only, therefore, is the proposed regulation counter-produc-tive, but it would reduce the choice of products available to the United Kingdom housewife since a number of products containing vege-table fats would have to be with-drewn from the market. Not only would the proposed regulation have these effects, but it could put approximately 6,500 people out of work in the industry. We cannot work in the industry. We cannot believe that your editorial com-

ments support these results. Could we suggest that, as a parallel to this particular issue, you consider whether your newspaper would like a regulation which forces it to change its ritle-which title I understand you have used for some years—and change the composition of the newspaper in order to use less black ink in favour of red ink of which there is a surplus. Yours truly,

DERRICK R: HORNEY, President, FMF Conference, 1-2 Castle Lane, Buckingham Gate, SW1. March 17.

From Mr R. W. Lawes

Sir, Your leading article dealing with the EEC exclusive use of Milk draft regulation (March 17) over-looks the basic principle that the customer has the right to choose whether they want foods made with regetable fat or foods made with

Labelling regulations already exist in the United Kingdom to ensure that the buyer is not misted, but this regulation is designed to force nutritions and economic food products off the market in the mistaken belief that the farming interest and the EEC budget would hencefit

As managing director of a food manufacturing business that would be caught by this regulation, I know that the regulation would result in more milk powder being sold to the EBC Intervention Board—not less—and the milk powder mountain would be increased. The raxpayer and the consumer will ultimately have to pay the bill.
Yours faithfully,

R. W. LAWES, Managing Director. L. E. Pritchitt & Co Ltd., . Comelle House, Blackborse Road. Deptford, SE8. March 17.

From Mr Kenneth Werrell Sir, Butter-Scotch really is made with butter (Mrs James letter on March 18) even if it does not contain Scotch.

Likewise Chocolate Tea-Cakes, at least are made with real chocolate, if not Tea-Cakes.
But surely this is better than the disappointment of neither Cream nor Crackers? Yours truly,

KENNETH WERRELE,
Managing Director, "The ButterScotch people"
Callard and Bowser, Nuttall Ltd, PO Box 35, Silverdale Road,

Housing costs From Mr Hugh Rossi, MP for

Hornsey (Conservative) Sir, In your report "Housing Corporation replies to Charges" (March 12), you quote that it "had dropped 27 schemes comprising 2.807 homes at a total cost of nearly 534m. After allowing for some £4m in fees, interest charges and reductions in-land values, the net savings would be some £30m."

Is this not a somewhat curious. use of the word "savings" but typical of the abuse of language to be found in official apologia? A more valid presentation would assert that an enforced reduction of £30m in capital expenditure will result in 2.507 new homes being lost, and f4m of public money thrown away. One does not level any criticism

against the Housing Corporation for this. It faces enormous difficulty in the savage cut back of £57m in its funds by a Government which prefers to maintain council rent subsidies at a level of £1,500m in the year-for rather obvious electoral reasons. Yours faithfully, HUGH ROSSI,

House of Commons.

Oxford women's colleges

From the Principal of Somerville

Sir, Diana Geddes's article in your issue of Merch 15 contained some arbitrary assumptions to which I hope that you will allow me to draw attention, since they might otherwise harm the women's colleges at

I have no right to speak for the other women's colleges, but Somer-ville at least does not fear secondclass status. Somerville, which cele-brates it centenary in 1979, intends to be even more successful in its second hundred years than in its first, and these have not been un-distinguished.

The article suggests that it is based on certain statistical information which as yet does not exist. It says that the best women applicants are being creamed off by the mixed colleges. Except for medicine and colleges. Except for medicine and mathematics there is no uniform system of marking the papers of entrance candidates as a whole; hence there is no possibility of assessing accurately the relative standard of their performance. Each college and subject has its own system of strading tem of grading.

Women were admitted to the women were admitted to the mixed colleges only in 1974, and will not graduate until later this year. It is therefore not yet possible to compare their degree classes (by no means, incidentally, the only criterion of the value of an Oxford education) with those of their contemporaries at the women's colleges. Given that the number of places at the women's colleges has grown by only slightly more than 10 per cent only signify more than to per cent over the past four years, one would expect the increase in applications from women to be larger at the mixed colleges, which took no women before 1974, than at the women's, the size of which has been

relatively stable. We are told that the "mixed col-leges can afford to be highly selec-tive with their female candidates (despite the Sex Discrimination Act?): for the past two years only Act?): for the past two years only 30 per cent of applicants have been awarded places, whereas the women's colleges awarded places in 1976 to 43 per cent of their applicants as compared with 36 per cent in 1973. This means, it is claimed, that the women's colleges are being forced to take candidates of lower consists. quality.

The interpretation of these figures is far more complex than the above suggests. The 30 per cent of successful women applicants to the mixed colleges is weighted heavily by the lower percentage of acceptance in a few subjects in which there is an excess of good candidates. The possibility that the women's colleges they be recently women's colleges may be accepting a higher percentage of their candidates not only because the range of subjects for which they are applying is greater but also be-cause the applicants are of higher

quality is entirely overlooked. The experiment of having mixed colleges at Oxford has unquestionably been a success. Provided the number of such colleges is in-creased gradually there is good reason to expect that the present growth in the number of women spalicents will persist, so that there will continue to be enough good women for both mired and women's colleges. We are told that the number of women who will prefer a roman's college is unlikely ever to be enough to have much effect

That is pure guesswork. The women's colleges have their own attractions. Well-stocked libraries were mentioned in the article amongst the advantages of the older men's colleges. Somerville, and it is not for me to speak for our fellow women's colleges, has one of the best undergraduota libraries in Oxford. The college's prestige and hopes for the future have already been indicated. Yours faithfully,

BARBARA CRAIG. Principal, Somerville College, March 17.

"Libertine" trial

From Mr Francis Bennion

Sir, Having been in court (as a journalist rather than a lawyer) throughout the hearing of evidence in the Libertine trial, I write to m the Libertine trial, I write to defend Judge Sime against Mrs. Whitehouse's attack (Letters, March 17). The learned Judge ruled impectably, if I may say so with respect, on what evidence was admissible in the light of the House of Lords ruling to which Mrs. Whitehouse of the Mrs. Whitehouse refers. Mr John Mortimer, for the defence, was equally punctilious in accepting the limitations placed on him by that ruling. He admitted that it could no longer be argued that pornography was therapeutic, "like taking a pill". The learned Judge, observing that this was "nicely put", went on to rule that the "defence of learning" head of the public good defence allowed people to be shown "that there are continuous." there are certain vices", but not from the operative point of view". He warned that there must be no question of "teaching a new dog new tricks".

What Mrs Whitehouse thinks is the "true public good" is not necessarily what people in general, as represented by juries, think it is. The Libertine jury acquitted on all counts. They did this unanimously, after a retirement of only fifteen minutes. Would the members of the jury have acted thus if any of them had really thought Libertine reprebensible?

At the end of her letter Mrs Whitehouse misquotes a remark made at the trial by Mr Mortimer. I know what he really said, because I wrote it down. He told the jury, quite rightly, that although the prosecutor had alleged that Libertine was "filth", and had used other similar epithets, that had nothing to do with the case for the simple reason that the only words that mattered were the words in the statutory definition of obscenity, namely "depraye and corrupt". Yours sincerely,

FRANCIS BENNION Flat 4, 24 St A. 195, Ho Last Sussex.

March 17

Herman Kahn

### The one-man think tank who puts: his faith in the future

is easy to see why Herman Kalin has taken to exploring the future of mankind. It is simply that no narrower subject would give him enough material to which to apply his vast intellectual energy.

Kahn is an intellectual— which is rather like saying that Muzart was musical, or Muhammad Ali is athletic—but be has no interest in ideas for their own sake. He thinks con-tinually and at a furious pace. but he is always thinking about something, and something that is happening, or might happen. His morto might be Cassius's injunction to Brutus. "Till then, think of the world."

He first achieved fame as a nuclear strategist. An alumnus of the Rand Corporation, the biggest and most famous of the American think tanks, he was the first nuclear strategist to become a public figure, as much because of his flamboyant style of presentation as solid substance of his

He is still a public figure, and he lectures to distinguished and incluential public and private audiences both in America and in countries he visits, including this one. Nowedays, his subject is usually the

His first book, On Thermo-nuclear War, published in 1960, bad considerable influence, as did his later writing, on the subject almed at a more popular audience. He introduced a new layer of the well-informed public to think-ing about nuclear deterrence and war beyond the concept of pushing the Appealypse hutton. He also introduced "escalation" into the language: of politics and social action and some people might think

Ten years ago, he wrote The Year 2000, and now he has followed this with The Next 200 Years. He had collaborators Years. He had collaborators on each of these works, but the guiding hand and style are clearly his. The collaborators are all members of the Hudson Institute, of which he is the

This time, he has introduced a wider public to the idea that intelligent, long-range forecasting can be useful even in a against the West. After all, what world of uncertainties. He the terrorist is figuring against introduced them to such is the worst crime in history. In devices as "surprise-free pro-~ canonical jections", and "variations" on these.

His books on the future are widely read among the kind of intellectuals who advise governments and industry, and they have nelped to stimulate other studies. Some business corporations are now interested in ence an outline of several pos-sible future environments in which they might be operating, identifying trigger points which will determine the way things

One reason why industrialists listen when Herman Kahn lec-tures to them may be that they like to hear what he tells them. There are two broad schools of thought about the future.

Kahn is among the optimists, doomsters are wrong and, the world is not going to run out food or natural resources, choke itself to death. He or choke itself to deam. me believes that continued econo-mic growth is not only possible but desirable.

"Your view on this subject determines your whole attitude to the world", he said recently, and went on with a characand went on with a charactoristic metaphor. "If you're have been run in the past few one of those who believe that the world is heading for catathe world is heading for catastrophe, and that a few rich view stems partly from a misstrophe, and that a few fich view stems partly from a mistreaching are using up most the world's available resources, then your picture of the world affluent liberals, partly from a is something like this: there are 15 people on a rait, 14 of them are dying of thirst, and the lifteenth has a barrel of this writing and his conversation; the past few years, so that in the past few years, so that in the sometimes sounds like as

so is that he owns it. And his Herman Kahn is a cheerful, only worry is that he may not estiul, friendly man with round have enough water to take a dark eyes and an enormous

the individual who works hard with his wife and two teenage and contributes to our modern sous in a large house near the industrial society is shetting a Hudson Institute in Croton.

starve to death, it makes the murder of 6,000,000 Jews pale into insignificance by comparison. And I think a lot of people will justify terrorism in this way. This is one of the things that's happening. For a lot of people, terrorist violence is becoming legitimized."

His own picture of population and resources is a very different one. He has constructed a chart of world history over past and future millenia in which we are right in the middle of a 400-year period during which the world passes from pre-industrial poverty to a post-industrial culture of affluence. It also envisages the population growth

tagering off.

"I'm not saying," he explains,
that there won't be shortages
of some things, that we won't
have to make changes, and that
there won't be problems. I'm
saying that with reasonably good management, the world can get through without catastrophe."

But what does he mean by "reasonably good manage-ment"? The kind of international cooperation and good sense that we've all been awaiting for a thousand years?
He grins and corrects himself.
"No, no. I mean reasonably had

it. be sometimes sounds like a His justification for doing Middle America conservative.

bath tomorrow.

"If you believe that, then of a boybood filmess. He lives

criminal enterprise, and the wooded area just north of New drop-out is more or less doing York City, His life-style is not a cloistered, academic one. "And if this picture is right, then it justifies terrorism and military officers as often as



gadgets, and his office and 44-rung escalation ladder, which bome are full of them. Went all the way from Osten-

Kahn was educated as a physicist, and he still employs a physicist's precision to qualify his observations. He will guanty and observation, "I believe that, but not very intensely. I wouldn't want to argue it before wouldn't want to argue it before
a hostile audience.". Or, "We're
friends, but we're armed
friends, y'know? There are
some people with whom you're
disarmed friends."

When he writes or talks about things like resources and population, statistics come pouring our. But ideas and concepts are

scientists and professional in of figures. Often, he organizes tellectuals, and he shares many them into lists.

of their concerns. He likes His most famous list was the

sible Crisis, rung 1, through diplomatic and economic diplomatic and economic measures to Dramatic Military Confrontation, rung 9, up to various kinds of nuclear Nowadays, his lists tend to be

Mowadays, his lists tend to be more eclectic. For instance: Some Sources of New Agricultural Land: Long-term Urban Trends Which Should Not Change Significantly: Six Likely Global Economic Groupings in the Year 2000: Some Key Chiness Internal Problems ings in the Year 2000; Some Key Chinese Internal Problems; Mixed Blessings

This last list illustrates his isconcerting manner of bandling technology, the social, environment and man's inner life in the same brisk, comprehensive manner. The mixed blessings include: "1." defunctionalization '—a partial but

Kahn studs his lectures with rapidly as he races through his finental visitor to the Hudson | Institute described a performance of his, not without admira-tion, as "Herman Kahn's son

t liuniere?.

He displays the same combination of powerful intelligence and exoberant uninhibited passion for communication that "We at the Hudson L British televiewers associate think" interchangeably. with Magnus Pyke and Patrick Moore. Sometimes, also, he stumbles over his eagerness in carried out principally at three communicate, losing whole week-long seminars conducted phrases and scurrying up tangent, and coming near to being staff, upon by the institute's gents, and coming near to being staff, upon by the institute's learning the communicate.

Herman Kahn grew up in Los Angeles, served in the army during the war as a telephone linesman, then studied physics at the California Institute of Technology, and taught himself economics on the side. He took a job at the Rand Corporation near by as a computer techni cian simply to earn a salary winle he did post-graduate work, but he soon became fascinated by the problems that Rand was working on. He de reloped new uses for computers and systems analysis, then worked on early and influential ∎nd studies for government agencies on the sir force on nuclear

stratogy and civil defence.

Kahn was to become identified in the public mind as a soutless technocrat who turns humanity's problems over to computers. But he is remem-bered at Raud as one who argued against accessive reli ance on new intellectual tools, in favour of common sense. He used to say that much as he admired the brain-power and methodology of Rand when it came to tackling global political problems, he would exchange the entire staff for Winston Churchill at the age of 65.

echo of Clausewitz is deliberate? made him famous. It also brought bim vilification, for looking at the subject in a man-ner which, when it was not cold increasing loss of meaning of and dispassionate, seemed many traditional activities almost entiresistic. His writ through the development of ing was dubbed "nuclear porshort cuts to systification, 2 i nography". The science writer many traditional activities almost entirusiastic. His writ through the development of ing was dubbed "nuclear porshort cuts to gratification. 2 nography". The science writer accumulation of weapons of James R. Newmon wrote in a lengthy denunciation: "Nuclear lengthy denunciation." privacy and solitude, 4, increase war is unthinkable, and should

posing of choices that are too Thinking About the Unthink world will move from using large complex important or able, which contained among what he carls exhaustible of his nuclear cool.

He left Rand in 1963 and lists like these, and other started the fludson institute, to I could turn the clock back then reading matter as well—charts: carry out studies for the govern- I'd do so, and not have any and tables, and even quotations ment, principally the Pentagon, and aphorisms set out on and private corporations. It posters. He displays these one still does government contract after the other to make the work but in recent years it has wints sink home sometimes so specialized in studies of the future financed by private insubject-matter that the effect dustry and foundations, and has is almost subliminal. One Con- opened a Buropean office in Paris and an Asian office

Tokyo.
The Hudson Institute at home is an extension of Khan's own personality. It produces studies on subjects that interest him. In conversation, Kahn often uses the terms "I think" and We at the Hudson Institute He sees it as having a mission of public education, and this is

Government officials, academics, business executives and one or two journalists are invited; a hefry fee is charged to those whose employers can afford it. I attended one, and it was an extraordinarily stimulating experience. Cur-rently, the topics for the three seminars are: Security Issues Domestic American Issues ; and Business and Society, which includes questions of resources

and population. These topics are broad enough and vague enough to encompass a wide range of ideas that preoccupy Khan at any one time. Here are a few, recent evening's from R

conversation: The "educated incapacity,", as he calls it, of the liberal intelligensia. By this he means that their education has made them urable to perceive cer-tain things that much less educated people can see easily. This is a favourite theme of

his.

"For instance", he says,
"for 10 years these people in
America, and the New York
Times, Time and Newsweek, their organs of opinion, they didn't see that law and order a code word for recism, but

"They also couldn't see that busing white children to schools in black districts would be totally unacceptable to the parents involved, even though they wouldn't mind black they wouldn't mind black as possible. children being bused to schools is a decent of the children being bused to schools is a decent of the children bused in their districts. You know, "I don't state history, 'the forgotten man."

Well when A and B get together and decide what C can do for world that's its strength its strength.

of governmental and/or private remain so?. This gave Kapn . The elasticity of energy . Norman Moss power over individuals, and "9. the title for his next book, "supply. Khan forecasts that the . Times Newspapers Utd. 1977

other things a vigorous defence energy sources to eternal ones, uch as solar energy
As for nuclear fission: "If

I'd do so, and not have any nuclear reactors. But you can't turn the clock back, and I think we can probably avoid a disaster with a reasonable degree of control."

Nevertheless, he says: "I think about 10 Third World

countries are probably starting a nuclear weapons programme chandestinely... Countries like Pakistan, Iran, Brazil, Taiwan, South Korea. That is, they have a programme in the sense that. for instance, they've got a lot of people studying physics and nuclear engineering with the thought that one day, they may want to use their reactors to make weapons."

insurgency. This occupies a lot of time in the seminar ou National Security, and it is a subject on which the Hudson Institute has done studies for the United States armed forcus. Viercong in Latin America. Ten years ago, people were saying that every country in Latin America would be plagued by a rural guerrilla problem. They've all beaten their rural guerrillas. Urban guerrillas are

another thing. "There's a technique for fighting a rural goorfile war.
You fight it with a rural conambulary. You make it a police
action. One cop is vorth a
builded soldiers. You have soldiers there only to protect

the cops.
"Every Latin American army has gode through the countar-insurgency training course in the Panama Canal Zone. The training there is much better than it is at Fort Brags. And what's taught at Fort Braze is better than what was practised in Vietnam."

Parily because he advises the United States military on sub-jects ranging from nuclear strated to connict pantagent. some people have pictured Kahn as an amoral technician, But he rejects this totally.

"I always ask myscif the question is it right or wrong? before I do adyabing public or private", he says. "Eut I have no compunction about making the American military as skilful as possible. None at all This is a decent country. "I don't say that it con never

do wrong. But I don't think it's immored to make it stronger. Find me any country in the world that's loss likely to misuse

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### Was it disease that finally killed off the Roman Empire?

Did Gibbon get it wrong? His explanation for the decline and fall of the Roman Empire was that degeneracy, loss of moral and physical courage, and weakening of character led to the Roman world becoming peopled by a race of pigmies when the fierce giants of the north broke in ". From time to time other more prosaic explanations have been offered for the apparent decline in the vigour of Roman society: chronic lead poisoning from the use of suit glazed containers for wine may have played a part, for example; but no one has scriously challenged the overall validity of Gibbon's analysis. validity of Gibbon's analysis.

Yet in common with other historians writing before the present century, Gibbon could have known nothing of the transmission and spread of viral and bacterial diseases, and in consequence he gave plagues and pestilences little emphasis as causes of power changes of the ancient world.

In fact disease may have been the vital factor. In 165 AD, troops who had been campaigning in Mesopotamia cought a new infection almost certainly smallpox—to the Roman Empire. The Mediterranean peoples had no natural immunity to the virus and the mortality in this Antonius plagus was heavy. Towns and whole provinces lost as many as one third of their inhabitants. More important, this was not an isolated disaster: in the next 100 years fresh epidemic waves of disease returned with equally devastating effects. Between 251 and 266 AD a " pestilence" was so virulent in Italy that at times so virulent in Italy that at times the deaths in the city of Rome totalled over 5,000 a day. The evidence suggests that this may have been the first contact of a European population with measles—another killing disease for any community without natural resistance to it.

The result of this century of outbreaks of devastating sickness was a sudden drop in population both in the cities and the country-ide, opening up and the countryside, opening up the imperial borderlands to the invasions that culminated in the seck of Rome by the Goals and Vandals. Beginning in the second century. Rome made agreements with barbarian tribesmen, allowing them to sealle within her frontiers in return for unificary service—a clear indication that empty or near-empty land was available for the immigrants reshout displacing Roman taxpayers. By the reign of Diocletian (285-305 AD) taws were being passed prohibiting cultivators from

leaving their land. The whole measles arose (presumably by men out of Mexico City, killing structure of Imperial Rome mutation) as a human disease many of them, an epidemic of depended on a reliable supply only with the growth of large, of food for her mixitary forces, stable city communities: it debilitating effect of that lethel of food for her military forces, administrators, and indeed all city dwellers: and a cuta-strophic reduction of the agricultural workforce by disease would inevitably mean that the system crumbled.

That is the provocative theory developed by the That is the provocative theory developed by the Chicago historian Professor William H. McNelll as part of his broader examination of the effects of disease on history. Plaques and People (Blackwell, 54.95), published in Britain this month has already led many Americans to take a frash look at the political and social upheavals of former civilizations. heavals of former civilizations, and it seems likely to provoke simikar interest here.

What Gibbon and earlier historians could not have known is that epidemic diseases are most lethal for communities meeting them for the first time, and that the worst killers, such as smallpox and plague, are comparative newcomers in the lifetime of the human species. No long as man remained a nomadic hunter-gatherer, moring in small groups, his diseases were few. As soon as agricultural settlement began, however, it became possible for parasites to become established in a community, especially when farming methods led to appeared burner consecutivity. repeated human contact with stignant, polluted water.

stignant, positived water. Early civilizations throughout the tropical and semitropical world became victims of parasitic disease such as bilharzia (transmitted via water snares); and, says McNeill, "Lassitude and chronic malaise of the kindinduced by blood fluke and similar parasitic infections conduces to successful invasion by the only kind of large-bodied similar parasitic infections con-duces to successful invasion by the only kind of large-bodied predators human beings have to fear: their own kind." Almost inevitably the farming com-munities found themselves forced to support a structure of protectors or landlords who exacted a parasitic system of rents.

And yet these early civiliza-tions were able to grow and resist external attack because of another aspect of human disease: the crucial effect of population size. Virus illnesses such as measles are so infersuch as measles are so infec-tious that they spread through a whole population quickly, gene-rally conferring life long immunity on survivors. Without a constant supply of new vic-tims the virus will die out; and, indeed, measles is never found in isolated communities much below 300,000 in number. It seems fairly certain that

stable city communities: it seems to have been unknown to the Greek physician Hippo-crates writing in about 400 BC. Once civilizations had acquired discuses of this kind and developed some natural immunity to them, handed down generato them, handed down generation to generation, they were provided a powerful weapon against outsiders. Military recruits from rural backgrounds often died in their first contact with endemic urban infections; but the surrivors carried disease with them as a secret weapon in their contacts with populations on their borders. Disaster came only if armies populations on their borders. Disaster came only if armie:

like Alexander's—were taken so far afield that they came into contact with an unknowo large population unit established in equilibrium with another set of unfamiliar diseases. In McNeill's thesis, then, the start of the Christian cra saw a handful of separate civiliza-

a handful of separate civilizations in the ancient world in Rome, and the Middle East, India and China. Each had established city populations of a size large enough to sustain virus diseases, with some natural immunity to them. Each was surrounded by a natural immunity to them. Each was surrounded by an agricultural hinterland providing it with food and with a constant supply of healthy young people to compensate for the high mortality of city life.

Each of these civilizations, in itself stable biologically, was kept within its frontiers by disease barriers: the Chinese could not even penetrate south

disease barriers: the Chinese could not even penetrate south from the Yellow River basin to the Yangste because of their susceptibility to malaria and schistosomiasis. Yet while disease might prevent military expansion it did not stop individual entrepreneurs, and as early as 196 AD Roman merchants are said to have reached the regions of China under the control of the Han dynasty. It was these trading contacts, control of the Han dynasty. It was these trading contacts, McNeill believes, that led to the collapse of the Roman Empire as the isolated civilizations acquired each other's diseases. Ever-increasing maritime trade facilitated the spread of infection and the next thousand years saw repeated epidemics weaken and disintegrate society wish about the spread of repeated epidemics weaken and disintegrate society, with the awful climax of the depopulation of Europe by the Black Death between 1347 and 1350.

Even more dramatic, because the isolation had been so comthe isolation had been so complete, was the impact of European disease upon the pean disease upon the Americas. On the night when the Aztecs drove Cortez and his

illuess prevented the defenders from pursuing the defeated and demoralized Spaulards, giving them time to regroup. Later, as it became apparent that the disease spared the Spaniards, some at least of the Aztecs believed it to be a divine retribution and a sign that the Christian God was all powerful. Smallpox: then measles, and next typhus killed more than 90 per cant of the indigenous population of central America —not the conquistadores. Malaria and yellow fever, the two great diseases of tropical America, were brought there from Africa; and indeed many of the mosquitoes essential for the transmission of "vellow jack" probably crossed the Atlantic in the water-casks of

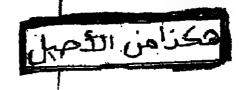
the slave traders.

Professor McNeill's reinterpretation of history carries with
it the ring of truth, explaining
as it does events which had
formarly been already formerly been glossed over with phrases such as Gibbon's degeneracy. In giving too little attention to disease as a factor attention to disease as a factor in history we may, for instance, have been too ready to blame the western conquest. of America for the extinction of its original inhabitants. Even when contact with the white man led to total extinction of a race, the genocide was unintentional—or ar least until 1763, when Lord Amherst distributed blankets infected with smallpox blankets infected with smallpox among enemy tribesmen.

A second conclusion is that

A second conclusion is that we may have become complacent about the susceptibility of our own civilization to biological factors such as disease and overpopulation, to famine, and to major climatic changes. This century has already seen the influenza paudemic of 1918-19, which killed more people than the First World War: an epidemic of sleepy sickness followed in the 1920s, only for the disease, letnal and untrestable (it has nothing to do with infection transmitted by testse infection transmitted by tsetse flies in Africa), to disappear as mysteriously as it had arrived; and a new form of cholers which spread through Asia in the 1960s. We should learn the right lessons from history. While other explanations have been sought in Greek beliefs and behaviour, the immediate cause of the collapse of ancient Athens was the plague, so well Athens was the plague, so well described by Thucydides, that killed thousands of its cirizens in a single summer in 430 BC.

Dr Tony Smith





### **COURT CIRCULAR**

LARENCE HOUSE

larch 19 : Queen Elizabeth The ueen Mother this morning anted an oak-tree in Windsor reat Park presented by the Royal orough of Windsor and Maldenorough or windsor and maiden-ead in commemoration of The ucen's Silver Jubilee. The Lady Jean Rankin and Sir lartin Gilliat were in attendance.

ORK BOUSE farch 20: The Duke of Kent, rended by Lileutenant-Comman-er Richard Buckley, RN, arrived Heathrow Airport, London this rening on the conclusion of his sit to Caracas.

service of thanksgiving for the fe of Miss J. Elise Gordon will e held at the Church of 5t Bride, leet Street, London, EC4, on hursday, March 31, at 12.30 pm.

#### orthcoming. nartiages

tr J. D. R. Bowver ad Miss P. Platt-Repworth he marriage has been arranged the mariage has been arranged, etween James, son of Mr and irs Hugh Bowyer, of Hookstile louse, Byers Lane, South God-cone, Surrey, and Prudence, aughter of Mr and Mrs Owen latt Hepworth, of Sydney, Austalia.

ir H. G. Dalziei Smith nd Miss E. M. Fitzmaurice

he engagement is announced etween Giles, son of Mr and drs Henry Dalziel Smith. of Voodbridge, Suffolk, and Elaine fary, daughter of Mr and Mrs chn Fitzmaurice, of Bromley,

ir R. Lamb nd Miss S. Mozon

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Longden, Mrs Florence Dancan, of Fulwood, Sheffield £148,386
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the guest of honory was Major he guest of honour was Major seneral F. A. H. Ling, Colonel, the Queen's Regiment.

3irthdays today

JITUNARYS FOORY
Lord Barnetton, 60; Mr Peter
3rook, 52; the Rev Sir Reginald
Champion, 82; Air Chief Marshal
Sir Walter Cheshire, 70; Sir
George Fretwell, 77; Sir Giles
Guthde, 61; Sir Arthur Hunthin
and, 81; Professor Sir Joseph
Hutchinson, 75; Sir Victor
Shepheard, 84; General Sir Frank
Simpson, 78; Lord Justice Stamp,
72; Sir John Thomson, 90; Sir
Stanley Tomlinson, 65.

# Disillusion of Orthodoxy with Anglicanism

Geneva, Rome and Istanbul the closer, a make the control of the christian world. Next month they will be brought a little closer, symbolically, when Dr Coggan, as leader of the Anglian communication control of the Anglian Coggan, as leader of the Coggan, as l can Communion, travels abroad to three of them.

His meeting with the Pope will probably speal the limelight. The two leaders have some decision-making in do when they talk, for Anglican-Roman relations have reached the end of one stage and a fresh

or the stage and a resh stimulus is due.

Dr Coggan's visit to Istanbul could well prove less productive, for Anglican-Orthodox relations have become water-logged. Orthodoxy, traditionally the most conservative of the four Christian corners of the globe, is going through a period of disillusionment with Angli-

A review of Anglican-Orthodox relations just published by Archbishop Athenagoras, Metro-politan of Thysteira and Great Britain, covers most of the points of doubt and hesitation that are straining Istanbul-Canterbury relations at the

Henry J. Heinz

The sale of the contents of the New York spartment of Henry J. Heinz II on Friday and Saturday was one of the first fruits of Sotheby Parke, Bernet's "homes and contents" scheme. This service combines traditional skill in

vice combines traditional skill in the auctioning of works of art with property sales through the firm's new International Realty Corporation.

The highlight of the sale was a collection of green and white jade formed by Henry I. Heinz, sen, the founder of the commercial empire. The grand total for the two days was \$411,220 (about 5233,000).

Among the pieces was a white

f229,000).

Among the pieces was a white jade mountain carved with tea planting and other farming subjects, which went to a Connecticut dealer for \$16,000 (about £9,302), well above the estimate.

On the second day a travelling clock by Francis Raynsford, of London, made \$4,800 (about £2,791).

£2,791).
Sotheby Parks Barnet also held

Sotheby Parke Bernet also held the second session on Friday of their sale of Chinese snuff bottles and works of art. It produced \$126,510 (about £73,552). An early-niveteenth-century mutton-fat jade double vase made \$6,500 (about £3,837), and a pair of lavender and Fei Ts'ul jadelte bowls feiched \$6,500 (about £3,779), as did a T'ang pottery equestrian figure.

Hampton Court and

Kew summer opening

The kitchens, cellers and Tudor teums court of Hampton Court Palace will reopen on April 1. No charge will be made for admission.

Entrace fees to the state apart-ments will be 50p for adults and 10p for old-age, pensioners and children. The Royal Maws exhibi-tion will open daily from April 2. (closed on Mondays, except, Bank holidays): Admission will be

Kew Palace will reopen on

March 28. Admission charges will be 15p for adults and 5p for old use pensioners and children. Becure of renovation word, Queen Charlotte's cottage, will not; be open this summer:

Kew Palace, Hampton Court Falace and Kensington Palace state apartments will be closed on Good Friday, April 8:

Today's engagements

collection

By Huon Mallalieu

£239,000 paid for Marriages

The ordination of women is only one of them, although that is an even greater difficulty between Anglicanism and Orthodoxy than it is between Anglicanism and Roman Catholicism, if only because Roman Catholics are more likely to see the Anglican point of view.

Archbishop Athenagoras, who will lecture at the annual con-ference of British Greek Orthodox clergy on that theme at the end of this month and who will he on hand in Istanbul when Coggan meets Patriarch Dr Dimitrios, sees the salvation of Anglicanism in reunion with

welcomes the recent agreed theological statement on authority in the church as a good omen for the successful treation of a front for the nuity of the Christian people in the West," and its reception by the General Synod as "a very posi-tive measure for the Anglican theologians and the Church of

He sees Anglicanism as the product of a schism in the Western church arising from political struggles between the English crown and the papacy in the sixteenth century, and hence he argues that the remi-

The marriage took place on March 19 at St Leonard's, Chesham Bois, of Mr Michael Nield, elder son of Sir William and Ledy Nield, of Chesham Bois, Bockinghamshire, and Dr Delis Canelón-Gonzalez, eldest daughter of Professor and Señora Juan Canelón-Gonzalez, of Valera, Venezuela. The Rev John Stanton officiated.

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 19: at the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, between Captain Richard Dannett,

between Captain Richard Danmatt, Green Howards, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Dannatt, of Orchard House, Great Waltham, Essex, and Miss Philippe Gurney, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Gurney, of Bracon Lodge, Bracon Ash, Norwich. The Ven Peter Mallett, Chaplain General to the Forces, officiated, assisted by the Rev David Sharp and the Rev Horace Busk.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Bellinda Gurney, Calla Rancock, Anne Gurney, Anne-Marie Peace, Emily Peace, Henrietta Riviere, Sophie Aldred and Sam. and Rosemary Millar. Capmin David Budge, Grenadier Guards, was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

The marriage took place on March 19 at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Wadhurst, between Mr James Kinimmonth, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, son

The annual Oxford and Com-

bridge university chess match was

held at Caius College, Cambridge,

on Saturday, and after an interest-ing struggle Cambridge emerged easy victors by 51 to 11.

an evan greater marsin, since on the top board Mestel looked to be winning searly all the time until Speelman' found an ingenious

manoenvre that saved the half But the most interesting game

They might in fact have won by

Cambridge chess team

avenge boat race defeat

By Harry Golombek

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Chess Correspondent

Convenie and Caine) M. Roberts

Mr J. W. Kinimmonth and Miss S. C. Griffin

Captain F. R. Dannatt-and Miss P. M. Gurney

fication of the Western church by Archbishop Athenagoras's is an essential in the reunification diagnosis of the ills besenting tion of Christianity as a whole. Anglicanism. "It is proper to emphasize that the unity between East and West, and especially between Canterbury and Constantinople, is not to be realized in any other way except through the recognition of the Western tradition on behalf of Anglican-

It is clear that by "recognition" he means an acceptance of papal authority, and there is not much consolation in his words for a "liberal" interpre-tation of the papacy. Liberal Anglican scholarship,

as clearly shown in the General Synod debate, is prepared to accept only a kind of nominal or honorary primacy for Rome. Many Anglicans have welcomed the agreed statement on authority only in that spirit, and often the appeal is made to Orthodox views of the papacy, in support. In Orthodoxy the Pope of Rome is accorded primacy of honour, but the limit of his primacy of jurisdic-tion is challenged.

In fact the liberal or Evangelical Anglican and the Orthodox view of the papacy are miles apart, as a made clear

A reception was held Tappington Grange,

The marriage took place quietly vesterday at the parish church of St Peter, Lynchmere, between Mr. A. Parker, son of Mr and Mrs. Peter Parker, of Minster Lovell, and. Miss C. Yates, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. G. Yates, of Lynchmere.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and Mr Nathaniel Chase was best man.

A reception will be held at the home of the bride sometime in

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 19, at All Saints' Church, Rotherfield Peppard, between the Rev Lisie Ryder, son of Captain R. E. D. Ryder, VC, RN (retd), and Mrs Ryder, of the Old Rectory, Wolferton, Norfolk, and Miss Olivia Langton, daughter of Colonel and Mrs R. S. Langton, of Dial House, Peppard Common, Oxfordshire.

Spassky defeated: Visstimil Hort, of Czechoslovakia, beat Boris Spassky, of Russia, yesterday in the territ game of their quarter-finel match in the world chess championship at Reykjavik. Hort and Spassky, the former world champion, now have five points each.

Tigran Petrosian and Viktor Korchnoi drew the seventh game of their quarter-final match at Lucca, Italy. The two are now level on three and a half points

The Rev L. R. D. Ryder and Miss O. E. Langion

Mr A. Parker and Miss C. L. Yates

commotion with Rome is pre-cisely that he feels Anglicanism, needs the discipline that goes with a papal church. He argust that "n is not far from the truth to say" that Protestant-ism has been responsible for the division of Western chris-tianity. tianity. The historic struggle between Crown and Pope led to the

. His main ground for hoping

that Anglicanism will return to

renunciation of the authority of the See of Rome and its substi-tution "by a vague aspect of authority, which the Orthodox examined, though without reaching satisfactory results". From that vagueness about authority has come the things the Orthodox world appears most to dislike about Anglican-ism, liberal theology and as supposed brainchild, the ordina-tion of women. Archbishop Athenagoras finds

if not surprising that the Church of England, is having difficulties in recruiting candidates for the ministry, in view of the theology which he regards as now fashionable in Anglicanism:

### Oxford

of Mr and Mrs Peter Kinlomonth, of Wadhurst, Susser, and Miss Sme Griffin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Griffin, of Albemarle, North Carolina. The Rey I, D. M. Raven officiand.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Cathy Barger, Ann von Brock, Susanne Griffin, Philippa Kintomonah, Melissa, Edmenson, Camilla Courage, Javeny, Knitser, and Sebastian Courage.

Mr Simon Eliot was best man. A guard of honour was formed by warrant officers and sergeants of 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon, Guards. Outcore

Mr. J. C. B. Gosling, fellow of St. Edmund Hall and Dr. M. Bi Powell, fellow of St. Perer's College; have been admitted as proctors for 1977-78. Mr. Gosling will be senior proctor.

Mr. J. S. Flemming, fellow of Nuffield College, is the new assessor. The pro-proctors are Dr. D. I. Scargill and Mr. Mr. S. Childs, fellows of St. Edmund Hall; and Mr. J. D. Kenyon and Mr. A. E. Southworth, fellows for St. Perer's College.

Awards and elections:

Cambridge

CLARE COLLEGE: Research fellowship P. G. Laire, B.R. Clare College, history and A. J. Wiles, B.A. 'Ucom). 'Glar College, pure mathematics, DATWEN COLLEGE: Mr P. W. Getter cole has been elected into a fellowship

liackpool. The 25 f1,000 winners are:

### University news

Awards and elections:

CHRIST CHURCH: Slade Exhibitions:

J. M. Sassoon, usen echnithons: A.

D. Rissic, owen scapar Clifford Smith
Prizes: D. I. Parker, open exhibitionar.

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statesatchip of the House: A. K. Bowpan, M. (Dxon). PhD | Toronto|,
Manchestar. Schoolmaster statesatchip
of Hally Term, 1978; C. M. Rowe,
pan, Hally T Scholar.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE: Radellift.
Travelling fedloweblp: A. G. Bird. BW
BCh, MA. S. Cetharine's College, Carl
Aridge, and Worcester College, Oxford
EXELER COLLEGE; Cofficial fellowishy
and lecthrodulp in law: A. P. Griffithe
A. BCF.

BA. BCL.
NUPFELD COLLEGE: Prize idenochips, copin; R. G. Marshall, BA (Stirller), and P. A. Williamson, BA (Stirller), and P. A. Williamson, BA (Stirller), and P. A. Williamson, BA (Cantab); Coulty of Charles, College, Chief and Jecture at Wood-hall-chief and Jecture at Workshall College, Chief Scountant to the university.

Elections

DATWIN COLLEGE: Mr P. W. Gathercolo has been elected into a fellowahing
title A)
DOWNING COLLEGE Official fellowship is physics from April 1: R. E.
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senior sessional in resourch, Covendish
isborusor; bye-islowahin in law form
April 1: G. A. Filch, LLE, formerly
scholar of the college; bye-jeslowahip
m shysics from April 1: J. K. Hassail,
6A. formerly scholar of the college.
ST. EDMUND'S NOUSE: Resourch
tellowahips from April 1: M. Clustion,
DPhil, Christ's College, and Miss V.
Merman, PhD. Citton College.
FENTY HALL: Respect followahips
from October 1: J. D. Loar, Clare
College and Yale University, shilosophy: Sand R. Mr-Wood; Peterwonse,
mineralegy and petrology.

Dr R. G. Rhodes, reader in the department of engineering, has been appointed to a personal

Colman.

250,660 from Science Research Council for three years; influence of ground shruistion on the serodynamics of high secod frains, under Dr R. G. Rhodes and Dr R. E. Ewerttt.

£50,000 winner

The weekly £50,000. Premium Savings Bond prize, announced on Saturday, was won by number 7 KF 874658. The winner lives in

#### Appointments in the Forces ...

Royal Navy.

CAPTAINS: W. R. S. Phomas, MOD

With VCNS, March 17 77: J. M. H.

Jun. 100 with VCNS, June 10: R.

S. Beasilp, MOD as ADMW(UW), July SURGEON CAPTAIN: W. A. N. QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL NAVAL MATRON: Miss M. E. Collins, partd Prine Matron, Dec 2, 'To, NOYAL MARINES
MAJOR-GENERAL: D. C. Alexander,
14 list. April 11, '77.

SCEA. MOD. March 21: G. I. Phillips appid OC BMH. Dharm and SMO. March 21: Li-Col T. D. Williams. 14/20M. to be Col GS. DMS Nato. March 30. M. Bish; OC Hides. March 30. N. A. Bish; OC Hides. March 30. N. A. Bish; OC Hides. Appid GSO1/DS. Sign Coll Cambrier. March 31: J. Sign Coll Cambrier. March 31: J. Sign Coll Cambrier. March 31: J. March 31: C. F. G. Hurthirson, RAPC, to be Asat Dep Controller Budfin, HO Alposith, March 25: R. S. Longsdon, 17:21L. appid CO 17:21L. March 31: J. H. S. L. Mallind-Thierton. 131: Jo N. GSO1, MD Sales 1c. March 31: H. C. Mason, MARC, 13 be OC Tailor and Comma Advisor, BACK. March 31: H. C. Mason, MARC, 13 be OC Tailor and Comma Advisor, BACK. March 31. Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: B. Brownlow to
be Commandent A and AEE. Boscombe
Down March 26.
GROUP CAPTAINS: B. R. L. Easton
to RAF Aldergrove as OC 25 MU,
March 21; A. L. C. Thompson to be
OC. Hu P and SS IUK!, March 25,
WING COMMANDERS: J. M.
Roberts to HQ RAFU 35 Eng Plans,
March 21; A. A. Sponcer to HQ SC as
S1b, March 21; A. W. Whittaker to
REU Henhaw as OC Eng Ws. March
21; S. W. Holmes to HQ AAFSE.
Naples March 21; S. J. Deards to RAF
Brampion as HDF Plans, March 25.
SQUADRON LEADERS' I with acting
rank of wing commander): R. N. J.
Saker to CASC Biggirs Hull as board
chalman, March 21; M. C. Glen to
OASC Biggir Hull as board
chalman, March 21.
AIR COMMODORE: J. E. Malcolm to
be Honorary Physician to her Majesty
the Queen, Feb 12, '77. LIEUTENANT-COLONEIS: M. R. darchant, RM Eastney for MO Try Gu and as Chief Start Offr and Commanding Offe, June 24: G. June 2.

MAJOR: J. P. Cough, loan service with the Royal Brunet Malay Heat. The Army he Army
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: P. Hudson
poid Dop C in G. UKLF. March 14.
ERIGADIERS: Col J. N. Ghitz appid
OS and Bop Comd HQ London Dist.
Berch 21; K. J. Mears to be ACOS

# But the most interesting game was on board four, where the Cambridge player, Crouch, gave a convincing imitation of the great Wilhelm Steinftz in wandering with his king to the centre of the board in the early middle game. Both sides ran into acute time trouble and when the dust subsided the game was adjudicated a win for Crouch. Detailed results (Cambridge names trait: A. J. Mestel (Trinity) Speciman (Worcester) 2: Butterwood (Cartel's) 1: Benjamin (Churchitt) 1: M. J. Pill. Benjamin (Churchitt) 1: M. Bullock (Oriel) 0: AP. The Duke of Gloucester visits Bulidog Manpower Services centre and work-sites, Chiswick High Road, 10.30. Exhibition: "Light Faurastic", laser reams and holography, Royal Academy, Piccadilly, 10-9. Lunchtime recital by the Vermeer String Quartet, St John's, Smith Square, Westminster, 1. Lecture: Exploring the lower galleries; Spanish paintings, National Gallery, 1. Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, Olympia, 10-9. HO AFCENT, March 31: 0. J. Kinshan apptd Dep Pin-C. March 30: A. D. Alyrie to be Comd 8 Int Bde. COLONELS: Li-Cei P. E. de la C de la Billiere, Li-cei P. E. de la C de la Billiere, Li-cei P. E. de la C de la Billiere, Li-cei P. E. de la C de la Billiere, Li-cei P. E. de la C de la Billiere, Li-cei P. E. de la C de la Billiere, Li-cei P. E. de la C de la Billiere, Li-cei P. E. de la C de la Billiere, Li-cei P. E. de la C de la Billiere, Li-cei P. E. de la C 25 years ago

From The Times of Thursday, March 20, 1952 March 20, 1952
It is haid to follow all the workings of the Chinese mind when, day after day, the Peking radio declares that the American air forces are dropping phials of germs in North Korea and Manchurla. Obviously typhus, plague or other deadly diseases have broken out as they tend to do whenever men are living in primitive conditions without adequate health: services; and equally obviously the. Chinese authorities are familing, harred against the Americans among their own people who have alrendy been taught to believe the worst of the enemy. What is more puzzling is the use that the Chinese and Russians are making of the allegations in their propaganda to western countries. . . Evidently the Communists think that the allegations could be a new wedge for splitting the Americans from their allies. It is hard to follow all the work-

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Lionel Akid, aged 42, head
of corporate planning, Cheshire
County Council, to be chief
executive of the London borough
of Wandsworth in the summer, in
succession to Mr Norman White. who retires.

# Science report Medicine: A new lethal virus

he cause of two mysterious epiemics in Sudan and Zaire in the econd half of last year in which 50 people died and two hospitals ere brought to a standstill has reen identified as yet another hithreconnected as yet anomer mun-rio unknown trapical virus, haued Fbola virus. It joins a roving list of fatal haemorrhagic ever viruses found in Africa, of litch Lassa fever and Marburg lisease (the so-called green mon-ey disease) are the most potorious.

Ebola virus disease follows the attern of other so-called haemorragic fevers. There is a sudden user of headache, fever, muscle ains and prostration, followed by evere diarrhoea and yomiting and ften severe internal haemorrhag-

ing. The available figures from Sudan and Zaire suggest that Ebola may be even more lethal than Lassa fever or Marburg disease. Well over 500 people fell III and at least 350, died. It seems to be highly infectious and spread rapidly to medical and nursing staff. In one hospital in Sudan, of 76 of the staff who became ill. 41

described in specimens flown from now in the field searching for a possible animal reservoir. Africa to laboratories in the United States and Britain. Three recent papers in the Lancet show Source: Lancet (1, 569, 571 and that it closely resembles that of 5/3; 1977).

Marburg disease, putting those two ciruses into a class completely different from that of Lassa fever. United States and Britain. Three

lar symptoms it causes, looks completely different.

Despite their almost identical appearance, nowever, Marburg and Ebola viruses are quite distinct. Experiments in animals show that the protective antibodies produced against Marburg do not protect against Ebola and vice versa. The source of the virus is still ied.

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The virus has been identified and States and the United Kingdom are

Parliamentary diary House of Commons

House of Commons

Monday, March 14: Debates on Expenditure Commother's reports on London decidands and on Caryner UK Lidy motions agreed to Begresentation or he Péople Bill read second time, adjournment debate about Pael costs for low income amilies. House adjourned 10.45 pm.

Tuesday, March 15: Anglam Wyler Allborry Bill read third time. Spice with the Drines Minister on his large to the Prince Minister on his large to the Prince Minister on his large time. But the Branches Bill read first time. Lards aumidments to Aircraft and Supposition Templices. Bill read first time. Lards aumidments to Aircraft and Supposition Templices. Bill read first time. Lards aumidments to Aircraft and Supposition Templices. Bill read first time. Lards aumidments to Aircraft and Supposition Templices. Bill read first time. Lards aumidments to Aircraft and Supposition of 175 votres to 35 and amonded motion agreed to. Motion on ECC document on safety at work agreed to. Adoption and the Common of the Comm colleges in Scotlerg. House adjourned 10.30 pm. Scotlergs. House adjourned 10.30 pm. Scotlerg. House adjourned 10.30 pm. Steel Eddustry in Wales and on EEC agriculture intuisiers, meeting. Skyling processes an extension between the first firms. Debyls on motion to take note of EEC document as agriculture proposits, annualment agreed to and amentiod notion surved to Waler Charges Equalisation Hill pessed report stage and read third time. Adjournment debale about adverse effect of drugs. House adjourned 1.85 am (Thursday). Thursday, March 17: Debale on motion for the adjournment on public expension of the survey of the survey

ophthalmologist under NHS in Thanet. House of Lords
Monday, March 13: Cavent Garden varier (Financial Provisions) Bill passed committee steps. Criminal Law Bill, report stage: Criminal Law Bill, report stage: Criminal Law Bill, report stage: Glourned. Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill read occord time. Motion on Prevention of Terroriam (Temporary Provisions) Act (Continuates) Order agreed to. Begge adjourned 1: 35 nm.
Tuesday, Narch 15: Farriers Registration (Amendment Bill read first time. Consolidated Fund (No 2: Bill read titled time. Patents Bill, committee stage: adjourned Bill read titled time. Patents Bill, committee stage: adjourned Bill read titled time. Patents Bill, committee stage: adjourned Bill read titled time. Patents Bill, committee stage: adjourned Bill read titled time. Debated Stage: adjourned Bill read titled financial financial Bill read titled financial Bill read titled time. Debated bill read titled time. The read titled time. The read titled time. The read titled time. Because of the Registrations of Committee times agreed to. The following Acts received the Registration: The read titled times of Shipperint and Registrations of Committee times agreed to. The following Acts received the Registration: The following Acts received the Registration: Rec Debated Shipperint and Registrations and the following Acts received the Registration: Rec Debated Shipperint and Registration.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Redundancy
Bill, second reading. Nuclear
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for the steel bridging.
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Select Committees
Today: Expendium: General Subcommittees Subject: Developments in
the Civil Service since the Fullon
Report, Winnerses: The Lord Dinnord
and Sir Samoel Coldman (on division
on responding Service Department,
14.15 pm. room in. Evoendium:
Education, Aris & Hanse Colleg Subcommittee, Subject: The Miniments
of the school haver, Winnerses: Modern
Language Association; National Association to the Subject: The Subject: Subject: Subject: The Job Creation Programmen,
Subject: The Job Creation Programmen,
Wilnerses: Local Anthorities & Volumtary Organizations, 12.30 pm., Mantary Organizations, 12.30 pm., Man-

hary Organizations, 12.00 page of the page Property Organications of Liverpool, Property Organical Companies, 11.00 am, Liverpool, Property Organical Companies, 11.00 am, Liverpool, Property Subsemmittee, Subject: Public Expenditure White Paper, Export Credit Finance. Witnesses: Officials from the BCGD: The Committee of London Cacuring Runders, 10.00 am, 15. Nationalised produced Subsemmittee. Property Subsemmittee. Subject: Property Cooperation in Europe, Witness: Mr A. Stonfield, Director of the Fould Institute of National Affairs. (11.00 am, 7). Hopposed Shill: Subsemmittee. Subsem House of Lords

London, where she died.

In 1914, compelled by circumstances to earn her own occupying land of immense living, she journeyed to Argentina to act as governess to an Wish was to secure it for future House of Lords
Today at 2.50: Debate on REC committee report on farm price review and Green money. Debatble agention on Rendezia, Molons on Redenant Mineworkers and Concessionary Cod (Payments Schemen; (Amendment) Order, Transport Boards (Adjustment) of Pryments) Order, Pumby Income Supplements (Comparation) Regulations, and Weights and Measures Act (Boney). Order tina to act as governess to an English family. She proved so gifted in this occupation that her employers encouraged her to start a girls' school in Buenos Aires. She called it "Northlands". It prospered Weights and Measures Act Hoosey Forces.
Tomorrow at 3.50: Agricultural Holdman Nations to Outer Bill, taked reading. Social Security in Metalemetre. See the Security of the S beyond all expectations. In course of time girls of all nationalities were educated there, from kindergarten beginnings to university level. Her success was due to her recognized locally, but was also remarkable presence and per-the occasion of a personal Representation of the People Bill, second reading 3.00; Rocial Security Price Plants at 1.00; Rocial Security Price Plants at 1.00; Rocial Security Price Plants at 1.00; Rocial Security Products, Cambrida Law Bill, report stage, International Figures. Trafe 2nd Ald Bill, second reading. Debatable question on Pay Research Unit studies. sonality. She was cast in a strict Victorian mould tempered by an intellect outstanding for wit and tolerence. Select Committees

In 1949 her work for the 10 her, and, sadly, in her last British community and the years was completely bed-cause of Anglo-Argentine ridden. Thursday! Corporate Prices and Thursday! Deponds Communities or Energy Transport and Percarch 1. Subject: En revealed and Percarch 1. Subject: En revealed and Energy Transport and English Council. 11 am. Subjects of English Council. 11 am. Subjects of English Council. 1. Council and Replaced Policy's Subject 1. Double Taxation and direct Double Taxation and direct caraline. Witnesses: Beard of Intend Revenue. Council with Council Council and Council and Council Coun Major-General Major-General Reginald: Dedi Baroness Elton, widow Blaxland Charabut, CB, late of the 1st Baron Elton, died Indian Army, who died on on March 15. She was the March 18, at the age of 23, daughter of Gustav Hartmann commanded the Nagpur District of Oslo and she married her in 1944-45.

### Viscount Cobham, KG, PC, GCMG, GCVO, TD, who died yesterday at the age of 67 was Governor-General of New Zealand from 1957 to 1962. His father in the following year. warm friendliness and gaiety endeared him to people of all The choice of a civilian as Governor General of New Zealand was a departure from precedent, for he succeeded a

**VISCOUNT COBHAM** 

OBITUARY

kinds wherever he went. Bis tastes ranged from cricket and sport to classical music and long line of service officers. He hterature and he had a wide amply justified his appointment, knowledge of both. He hated shoddiness and the second rate for he proved to be perhaps the most popular Governor-General the country had ever had. He endeared himself to New in all things. He was a devoted Worcestershire man, and had great pride in Hagley, his home Zealanders not only by his words but by his deeds and his example. He quickly identified himself with the country's problems and aspirations with there. Charles John Lyttelton, 10th Viscount Cobham, was born on August 8, 1909, the only son of the 9th Viscount, whom he succeeded in 1949. He was edu-cated at Eton and Trinity Colobvious but unaffected sincerity. He was a first class mixer and a witty raconteur.

cated at Eton and Trinity Loilege, Cambridge, where he took
an honours degree in law. He
left Cambridge with the reputation of having a first-class
brain and also of being a great
all-round sportsman. In addition
to his prowess as a cricketer,
he was one of the longest hitters Very soon after his arrival it became plain to New Zealanders that he had his own distinctive concept of what a Governor-General should be, and he achieved a remarkable revival of the office. In addithe game of golf has ever produced, and he was a fine shot as well. tion to fulfilling admirably the constitutional and ceremonial duties of the post, he exerted a widespread influence. He moved among the people and made friends with them. He He carried on the family tradition when he captained his county cricket team from 1935 till 1939. Later, in 1954, he was quickly made his mark as a public speaker of the highest order, and New Zealanders looked forward to each occasion

regarded as the most progressively minded president the MCC had ever had. The Lyttelton family had been closely associated with New Zealand for many years. His grandfather had bought estates on which he was to speak. His speeches soon began to command front page leads in the newspapers and to be broad-cast on national relays. He was there and had taken a large part in financing the town of Christ-church—Lyttelton, its port, was named after him in 1850. besieged with invitations to give addresses on the widest possible: variety of subjects and he sccepted the burden cheerfully. Cobham was given an oppor-tunity to become acquainted with the country in which he was to make such an outstanding He prepared his speeches meticulously himself with what must have demanded tremenreputation as Governor-General-when, in 1935, he went to New Zealand as vice-captain of the dous industry in a very full and busy life. They were inspired by a compelling sanity MCC team. In the Second World War he and vast good humour, and were expressed with unusual felicity of language, and illusserved in France with the 53rd (Worcestershire Yeomanry) snti-tank battery, RA, and later he commanded the 5th Maritime Regiment, RA, a unit which provided gun defences for merchant ships.

Former Governor-General of New Zealand the profits, which ran into five figures, to assist the establishment of the Outward Bound School at Marlborough Sounds. His abiding interest in cricket continued, and when, to the delight of the spectators, he hit two sixes in the match his eleven played against the tour-ing MCC team at Auckland in 1961, it was perhaps the apogee of his career as Governor-

General. His departure, after five highly successful years, aroused considerable emotional feeling, and the people of Wellington gave a remarkable demonstra-tion of their affection as he and his family drove to the airport on their way home.
On his return to England he quickly became engaged in a variety of business activities as chairman and director of a number of boards.

He was a strong supporter of youth organizations, and he took a particular interest in the Outward Bound Trust, of which he became president in 1964. He had forthright views on the education of youth in the broadest sense. While in New Zealand he had devoted much of his attention to youth and by his wise counsel he gained their respect to a remarkable

degree.

He was created GCMG In 1957 and made a Knight of the Garter in 1964. He was Lord Lieutenant of the county of Worcestershire from 1964 and was honorary colonel of the Queens Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry. He was made a Privy Councillor

in 1967.
Lord Cobbam was Lord Steward to the Queen's House-hold from 1967 to 1972 and was made a GCVO in 1972. From 1964 to 1975 he was president

of the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Ne married, in 1942, Elizabeth, daughter of J. R. Makeig-Jones, CBE, Indian Civil Scrvice, and they had four sons and four daughters. The heir to the title is his eldest son, the Hon John William Leonard trated with a wealth of apt vice, and they had four sons quorations. A book containing a and four daughters. The heir selection of them was published in New Zealand in 1962, and the Hon John William Leonard had a phenomenal sale. He gave Lyttelton.

#### MR SETON GORDON

Mr Seton Gordon, CBE, FZS, who died on March 19 at the age of 90, devoted the whole of his life to the Eighlands of them extremely well, and he knew too all the history behind Scotland, making his home there writing about them and working for their welfare in

ereat knowledge of the natural

ife of the region. His books,

for hundreds of years.

age of 38, came to power in

A French-trained paratroop

accession to power, Ngouzbi had been educated at the Brazza-

ville Preparatory Military School in French colonial days

and later attended the Saint-Cyr Military Academy in France.

He returned to the Congo in

birthday, was a figure more

renowned in Argentina than in

London, where she died. In 1914, compelled by cir-

officer at the time of

For many years he was untiring in encouraging pipers throughout Scotland to take part in the Highland games. He wrote to many of them to sugevery way he could.

Wrote to many of them to suggest in his gentle way that they
known of Highlandmen and was
everywhere respected for his
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the sames and also came south the games and also came south to attend the snnual competi-tions of the Scottish Piping Society of London.

As a writer in his own field

of which he wrote more than 25 over the years, always read well and had a ready sale, not he was unforced, sensitive, knowledgeable. His Highways and Byways volumes about the central and western Highlands remain first-class guide books. only in Scotland but in England and overseas. He had three main interests the natural life of the Highlands, the traditions and legence of the clans, and the music of the Highland bag-His many books on the golden eagle—leading up to the one published in 1955, The Golden as a professional writer.

Eagle, King of Birds—bring to In 1915 he married Evelyn gether everything that can be known about the life and ways Pease, of Otterburn, Northumpipes, especially the pibroch or, as the Ghels call at the reds mor, the dig music, the classical tunes that have been usinged down, many of them, of information and lors about

Even when approaching the animals and birds north of the later Seron Gordon married animals and birds north of the later Seron Gordon married Betty, the daughter of Mr and the Cairngorm hills or in Skye April 11, 1886, in Aberdeen widow of Colonel R. Barder of where he lived for so many strices don, LLD, OBE, Advocate. | Morthamptonshire, about these walks in The Times. An only child who could not The veried pattern of his the hills—always wearing Highhald dress (which indeed he wore in Loudon), with an old wrising articles, about breast among other activities, he flew wore in Loudon), with an old wrising articles, about breast round some remote I. If know the mode of stations, giving lectures on hird up on some ancient battlefield, royed into the hills of Deersite. Even in his last years his out-

who regarded the communist

presence in the continent as

opposition to the United States

had grown to over 1,000 pupils,

she felt that the time had come

generations. She founded an

Argentine trust Northlands Asociacion Civil de Bene-

ficeucia, to take over the school, in the confidence that

it would continue for many

more years to serve the people of Argentina and the needs of

the foreign community resident

there. This act of generosity

and faith was not only suitably

the occasion of a personal letter of thanks from the Foreign Secretary, Lord Home, In London she lived modestly

on the small resources available

Reginald: Dedi Baroness Elton, widow

PRESIDENT NGOUABI

army coup which overthrew the and overthrew him in

1952 and subsequently com-manded an infantry battalion Congo had no official relations. with the rank of major. He also His own position had survived

represented the army in the several coups over the past few National. Movement of the years.

MISS WINIFRED BRIGHTMAN

Miss Winifred Brightman, friendship was recognized by OBE, who died on March 9, the award of the OBE. In 1960, shortly before her ninety-second, when she was 75 and the school

An only child who could not . The varied pattern of his go to school because of ill life was further enlarged during health, he was saught by a thior. the Second World War when By the time he was 15 he was among other activities, he flew writing articles about birds round some remote R F from the studies he made of stations, giving lectures on hird watching to the permit lived into the hills of Deerstee. Even in his last years his o'the Birds of the Loch and Monny put of writings was seemingly tone, the first of his books! was undiminished. and a sportan that was twisted Birds of the Loch and Moon-and shiny with age.

Many of his friends will republished before he went to member him playing the pipes Oxford, where he gained his in his old age. He knew very degree in Natural Science and many piberchs could play his goffing blue.

Although considered medi-cally unfit for the armed forces in the war, he first gained a civilian post with the Admiralty and eventually, through can-vassing, became a Lieutenant RNVR, serving as an intelli-gence officer. He spent part of his warrime work with the Admiralty as a constwatcher on the island of Mull. which, he recalled had the advantages of plentiful scope for bird watching and possession of the only telephone on that island.

After the war he went with the Oxford University Spitzbergen Expedition, entered piping compenitions, photo-graphed birds in the Cairngorms, studied forestry in Russia and Western Europe, and settled down to a career

of the grandest of Scotland's berland. They had one son and birds, but sil his books are full, two daughters. Mrs Gordon two daughters. Mrs Gordon died suddenly in 1959; a year later Seng Gordon married

watching to the personal live of the part of writings was seemingly undiminished. Highland Days, published in 1963, was as successful as any of its predecessors, and was succeeded by Highland Summer in 1971.

#### 1. . . CARLOS PACE Carlos Pace, the Brazilian

President Marien Ngousbi of "Revolution headed by Masracing driver who was killed Congo, who was assessmated in semba-Debat who had become Brazzaville out March 18 at the president in 1963. in a flying accident near Sao Paulo on March 18, at the age age or 55, came to power in of Massemba-Debat's policy of 32, had been a member of the country in 1968 after an Ngouabi headed a military coup which overthrew the and overthrew him in 1968. middle of 1974. Prior to that administration of M Alphonse Mgouabi became President on Massemba-Debat. After this the last day of 1968 and the revolution he established a People's Republic of the Congo people's republic and sought was established and a new close links with Communist constitution promulgated.

Closer links with communist middle of 1974. Prior to that he had driven for John Surtees. He had quickly demonstrated his potential and in January 1975 he received a hero's wel-Closer links with communist countries also involved him in come when he won the Brazilian Grand Prix at Interlagos, criticism of other African states just a few miles from where he was born. But further victor-ies proved elusive, and he was not destined to win another subversive and relations with neighbouring Zaire were severely strained for a time. Ngouabl was implacable in his grand prix. Last year a change from

Ford to Alfa-Romeo engines gave the Brabham ream a difficult sesson, and Pace's performances were not notable. But this year with the Brabham-Alfa Romeo proving to be a highly competitive car Pace led both the Argentine and Brazilian Grands Prix in January in impressive style, eventually in impressive style, eventually taking second place in the latter event. He held joint fifth place in this year's world championship with his fellow countryman and lifelong friend Emerson Fittipaldi.

On his day he was one of the most spectacular of grand prix drivers, and even when plagued with mechanical problems he frequently showed flashes of brilliance which, given time, might well have taken him to a world title. He is survived by a widow and a daughter.

### MISS JULIA MARK

Miss Julia Mark, the actress, who was well known to radio listeners as Norah, the Irish barmaid in BBC Radio 4's The Archers, has died in hospital at the age of 49. Miss Mark, who was born in Ayr, Scotland, joined The Archers in 1966 though she had featured in episodes before that as a Scot-tish friend of Carol Archer. A widow, she was married to Mr Alan Rees, a former Head of Programmes for the BBC's Midland Region. He died in 1975. She was the mother of two children.

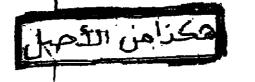
Stock Exchange Prices

### Capitalization and week's change

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role in world

With the views of the Carter Administration in the United States still very much unde-fined, West Germany appears to the description of the plant of the pro-

be gearing itself to play a more active role than hitherto in forming international economic

At the forthcoming meeting of the International Monetary

Fund's interim committee in Washington at the end of April and the Downing Street eco-

nomic summit early in May West Germany can be exp. cted to put forward ideas amounting

to a distinct "foreign policy" of its own in economic and monetary affairs.

It would appear that at last Germany is to use its position as Europe's strongest economic

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react in the debate about future world economy. Specifically, West Germany will throw its weight behind plans to create a new "facility" at the international monetary fund to payide financial aid to those incustrial and developing countries in need that have exhausted their existing credit lines.

It would like to see the oll-rich Arab nations brought mora into the activities and respon-sibilities of the IMF, possibly

through a further inc. ise in

Also Dr Hans Apel, Germany's Finance Minister, has indicated that his Government

would support a capital incresse at the World Bank.

This more positive approach

can be partly explained by fears that certain currents in international economic thinking

such as the Third World pro-

possis for a universal commo-dities stabilization fund or the

continuing pressure on Germany to reflate its domestic economy

could be of direct harm to the

Alongside the defensive stance is the confidence burn

of the success at home of domestic stabilization policie

opening the way for a pro-gramme of moderate inflation-iree growth.

For while there are still 1.2 million people unemployed in Germany (it is argued for structural rather than cyclical

reasons), there is little doubt that Germany has come out of

apocalyptic vision of future

Like other Western nacions,

rich and poor and in the per-sistence of balance of payments deficits in certain Western

Countries.
The differences lie in that the

Germans do not believe the first problem can be brought nearer solution through a further

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### Commonwealth team urges fundamental changes in IMF's lending policies

By Melvyn Westlake Economics Staff

far-reaching reform of the International Monetary Fund since it was set up in the middle 1940s is recommended in a still confidential report drawn up by an They say that the IMF should have the capability to lend much more money, for longer-periods and on more flexible

terms.

Their report is the result of two years work by a 10-man team. It was commissioned by Commonwealth heads of Commonwealth heads of government at their last meeting in Kingston, Jamaica, after the celebrated commodicies initiative" taken at the meet-ing by Mr Wilson, then Prime

Under their chairman Mr Abster McIntyre, secretary general of the Caribbeau Community, the "the ten wise men" as they have been

Ten Wise Men.

The survey will be circulated to Commonwealth governments over the next two weeks. It will be one of the key items on the agenda of the next meeting, which is to be attended at Lancaster House in Iune by nearly three commonwealth three calls. Commonwealth presidents and prime ministers.

The experts, who include representatives of both rich and poor countries, were asked to suggest practical ways of: reducing the economic gap be-tween the world's wealthy northern states and their poor outhern neighbours.

Their setting up emerged as Their setting up emerged as . The experts believe that the compromise between those IMF should become more like dical leaders who wanted a an international central bank. radical leaders who wanted a new international economic order, and those who wanted more minor changes to world trade, aid and monetary trade, aid and monetary affairs. Britain is represented by Mr Sydney Golt, a former deputy secretary of the Board

Hattersley

prices panel

clash feared

some guarters of Whitehall

that the strengthened Price

Hattersley, Secretary of State

for Prices and Consumer Pro-

tection could undermine the role of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the

Concern is being expressed that an extension of the Price

Commission's powers of investi-

gation into the effects of pricing

practices and their impact on industries and services, will con-

existing agencies undertaking

The problem centres largely on the role of the Monopolies

Commission as well as the work of the Office of Fair Trading,

which have statutory duties in

ramining trade practices, pricing behaviour, monopoly

It is not without significance that Mr Gordon Borrie, Director-

Coneral of Fair Trading, has control of Fair Trading, has control of the control

investigate restrictive trade

greements, often concerned

At the same time there are doubts within his office that duplication with an enhanced

Price Commission can be voided without some behind-thescenes horse-trading and whitehall arm-twisting of a lind that might diminish the

OFT's independent influence in promoting fair competition and

ealing with doubtful corporate

behaviour, or screening mer-cers where parties to a Price Commission inquiry could be

Mr Hattersley is believed to reject suggestions that his deas for remodelling the Price

commission, with a new chairman and members, will weaken the role either of the OFT or

he Commission. But certainly

here is evidence of misgivings

now where it stands on

monopoly and restrictive prac-

There are doubts about the

uture of Societa Generale 1m-

nobiliare, Italy's big inter-

rational property company, ollowing the Cooperative dovement's refusal of a request by Signor Glulio Andreosti, the

rime Minister, to come to its

Burdened with debts and osses, the company is seeking resh capital through a rights

sue which is open to existing

archolders until Tuesday, but

ill still be available to the

neral public for a month and

In view of the company's

lifficulties, however, the issue 128 little chance of success.

alled in the heads of the

three big cooperative move- country",

lome, March 20

industry—which likes to

Big Italian property group

facing crisis of confidence

On March 7 Signor Andreotti biliare, as "its failure would be

similar or related work.

situations, and so on.

both businessmen and

By Our Industrial Editor

Commission proposed by

Office of Fair Trading.



posed in the financial condi-tions the IMP attaches to loans. It is felt that Fund economists have a standard recipe which they apply when making loans. This recipe includes evaluation and public spending cuts, and is applied to all borrowers from the United Kingdom to Zaire, regardless of individual circumstances.

They accept that borrowers must accept some financial discipline; but they think that financial conditions should be more appropriate to the needs lized testions continued to grow historical rates, there would the gap

lishing a new national federation are expected to be

The most dramatic feature will be a scheme for amalgama-

wife be a schedule for analyzing ting the powerful Cooperative Wholesale Society with the British Co-operative Union, which is the existing national organization for 200 retail projects with soles acceptable.

societies, with sales exceeding

For nearly two years a special merger team has been investigating both the desirability of a get-together and how it might be done "at the earliest practicable time".

What is expected to be

announced perhaps this week is a structure for implement-ing such a fundamental reform.

ending fragmentation in trading

A document is due to be pre-

tive Congress, over the spring

Bank holiday, spelling out how all the different interests in the

Co-op empire will be brought together as the next move in

the movement's increasing suc-cessful bid to raise its share of national retail trade and restore

lishing

announced shortly.

£2.000m a year.

and other activities.

Savings rise

the role of the special drawing right (SDR) should be upgraded. The experts want to see SDR become the most important international reserve to development aid.

The SDR was first allocated

on an experimental basis through the IMF in the early through the IMF in the early 1970s. But it still plays a relatively minor role in the settlement of international debts compared to dollars and gold. Also, the report says that those countries with balance of payments surpluses, like West payments surpluses, like West Germany, Japan and some oil experting nations, should do more to help the poorest nations. This they should do in two ways, directly by giving more foreign aid and indirectly by importing more and stimulating the world economy.

economy. Many of the recommenda-tions in the report, like those for increasing the volume of lending through the IMF, bear some resemblance to ideas which are known to be under discussion at various diplo-matic levels in the main capitals of Europe and North

The whole issue of the Third World's deteriorating trade position and international indebtedness has been given a fresh urgency by a new United Nations analysis of the future

Nations analysis of the future of the world economy.

This suggests that the trade imbalance of the non-oil exporting developing countries will reach huge totals in the later years of this century. Even at 1970 relative proces, the potential balance of payments deficit of these countries would be \$190,000m by the year 2000.

more appropriate to the needs cent a year and the industrisof the borrowing country.

Much of the money available at historical rates, there would to developing countries is not be no reduction in the gap drawn because of the unpopu- between rich and poor states.

co-operative societies towards

surrendering too much power to the CWS, which is wholesaler,

banker, insurer, and manu-facturer to the movement.

The autonomous retail societies own and elect the board of the CWS, which has a strong managerial team with delegated

powers, but they also belong (as does the CWS) to the Co-op Union, a historic national and

regional organization which provides advisory services and coordinates many activities, besides engaging in politics and educational matters.

It is expected that a con-dition of reform of the two national federations into a single organization will be some funda-

mental changes to the powerful CWS, including control and rep-

resentation on its governing

board. Lay co-operators who are

not employees or managers have long felt remote from the centres of power, and some top managers have been over-suctched by service on both union and CWS committees.

The future of the Co-operative

eading companies in the in-

Proposals due soon chrome set sectors, he tells Mr Varley, "there is no requireon Co-op federation By Maurice Corina growth to its manufacturing and other operations.

There has always been a cautious attitude among retail

Lord Thorneycroft's letter says that because of pressure from British manufacturers for Japanese restraint, which is being backed by Whitehall, the pattern of very rapid penetra-tion of the United States man ket by Japanesa television manufacturers has not been fully reflected here early this month.

The United States Internal Trade Commission recommen-ded that President Carter im-pose additional tariffs on Japanese-made consumer electronic goods to protect the domestic industry.

siderable amount of their British production and draw not less than 50 per cap of their component supply needs from British sources. But Lord Thorneycroft says that the industry is under " no illusion " that the Hitachi plan is to link its production to a newly-opened tube plant in Finland which "represents a major threat to tube manufacture in

Total profits, according to the survey, were up by 80 per-cent in 1974-75 but declined 40 per cent in the final year, when

eight companies reported losses. Average profit margins decreased by 42 per cent to 6 per cent and the average return on capital employed fell to 10.8 per cent.

According to information ob-

tained from a minority of com-

panies covered by the survey,

average sales per employee.
rose by 41 per cent over the
three-year period while average

remuneration increased by 51 per cent and capital used per

employee rose by 20 per cent.

to 10.8 per cent.

### Alarm at Hitachi plan for British TV factory By Ronald Emler

alarmed by the prospect of a third Japanese company, Hitachi, being allowed to set

up a television assembly plant in Britain.

Already Sony and Matsushita (which sells under the National Panasonic brand name) have plants in South Wales. Lord Thorneycroft, chairman

of the Radio Industry Council, has written to Mr. Varley, Sec-retary of State for Industry, telling him of "the immense concern" within the domestic industry, and requesting a meeting with the Secretary of State before the Government decides whether to approve the project. Hirachi executives were unwilling to comment on their plans over the weekend, except

to say that they were only in an early stage.

At the weekend the Department of Industry said Lord Thorneycroft's letter was "being considered".

It is thought that the Bissahi

It is thought that the Hitachi plan is to open a plant in the North-east, and industry sources suggest it would not be profit-able with an annual production of less than 200,000 receivers. If it were to be sited in an assistance area an industrial development certificate would not be needed; but the Bank of England would take advice. from the Department of Indus-try before deciding whether to grant the exchange control per-mission needed by Hitachi be-fore the project can proceed. In his letter Lord Thorney

In his letter Lord Thorney-croft says that to allow the Hitachi project to go forward "would have no other effect than to cause disruption in the industry, which is in one of the five sectors chosen by the Government for priority trem-ment under its industrial strategy programme". He says the British industry is stready working at only is elready working at only is elready working at only between 50 and 60 per cent of its annual capacity of 2.4 million colour television receivers, and there is little prospect of

any more than a marginal improvement in the next few In both the colour and mono

variey, mere is no require-ment whatsoever for an over-seas manufacturer to be intro-duced into the United King-dom. He also points out widespread European concern that Britain has allowed Sony

on trying the bus on their own

Both Sony and Matsushita are pledged to export a con-Europe ".

### Party has to be secured under Freeze hit chemical profits

by £144.7m By Our Industrial Correspondent

National Savings showed another large net inflow last month. During the four weeks ending February 26 the net increase was £144.7m, compared with £194.8m in the preceding five weeks Leading chemical companies saw their performance badly undermined in 1975-76, according to a survey\* published today. Average return on capital employed was cut by five weeks. nearly half compared with the After adding accrued interest, previous year, to a level of 10.8 per cent. The report, which covers 60 the total sum invested in

National Savings increased by £171:2m in February. Most of the increase was accounted for by the sale of National Savings Certificates,

which produced a net inflow of f151.8m. Such certificates, which produce a return of tices law—and in the corridors of Whitehall.

ments-the - Communist-Social-

ist, the Christian Democrat, and

the Republican—urging them to take a substantial sharehold-

ing, but on Friday they jointly

announced that the necessary

political and economic condi-

tions were lacking for them to

The cooperatives were attrac-

ted by the chances of using

Generale Immobiliare to launch a drive for low-cost pub-

lic housing, but wanted a com-plete break with the past and

the Christian Democrae organiz-

ation, told a joint press con-

ference he did not entirely

exclude the possibility of re-organizing Generale Immo-

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a thorough reorganization

consider acceptance.

#### leading companies in the in-dustry over a three-year period to April last year, showed that while sales of the companies increased by 50 per cent over the period, the bulk of the growth occurred in the first half and grew by only 4 per cent in the second period. Although the contest seems largely in the Guif, Opec members of other regions would like \* Business Ratio Report on Chemical Manufacturers, ICC Business Ratios, price 136. to see unity restored for policy

By Derek Harris

Britain's hoteliers fear that soaring construction costs and taxation problems will prevent taxation problems will prevent tion to helping hoteliers to managements from launching break out of this situation by new building projects to take advantage of the upturn in the industry's fortunes which began with last year's foreign tourist

A recent survey by the Hotels and Catering little Neddy estimated that to meet projected tourist and business dean additional 65,000 would be needed by

Caterers Association. The association has told Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Government could make a major contribu-

parity with manufacturing industry on the basis that an hotel is virtually as much a specialized industrial building as a factory. Hotels' spending already allowable for tax

no additional public expenditure would be involved initially if the rates of initial and annual allowances were reduced by about 9 per cent.

an hotel management's casi

Mid-Sussex Water Company 20 embark on saything like the programme indicated by the 'little Neddy' without a positive indication from the Gov-

Inflation accounting shift

Whitehall modifies hard line on monetary indexing

A significant shift has taken place in Whitehall thinking on inflation accounting. This has considerably improved the chances of some allowances being made in company accounts to cover the changing value of monetary items.

Hitherto the Government has been implaceably opposed to the concept of adjustments in profit and loss accounts for

modetary items, largely on the ground that once the principle of indexing money had been established it would open the way to indexing other things including Government debt.

The Government's position has come through particularly forcibly in a working party which has been set up by the Morpeth Committee on inflation accounting to look into the particular problems faced by

favour monetary adjustments, and Mr Michael Thornton, the Bank of England representative, who is opposed.

But recent discussions between the suggestion raised by accountants and Whitehall offi-

cials have pointed to a change in the Government's hard line. No full reassessment of the Government's view on inflation accounting has taken place since the publication of the exposure draft by the Morpeth Committee last December; so at this stage it is not clear how far thinking has come round in favour of monetary adjustments.

better disposed view.

But the arguments pur forward both by accountants and the banks have led to a much

There is still a lot of uncertainty about how, in practice, adjustments should best be made for monetary items. The Government is expected to stand Radical disagreement has firm on its opposition to the adjustments, is expendeveloped within the com-suggestion that a special case come out in favour of mittee between the four bank should be made for banks to rion along these lines.

tants is the suggestion raised by stockbroker Mr Martin Gibbs.

stockbroker Mr Martin Gibbs. This broadly proposes that adjustments against profit should be made for working capital as a whole, not just stocks as proposed by both the Sandilands and Morpeth Committees.

The effect of this would be to bring debtors and creditors into the equation. The banks' problems, too, could be resolved this way since their monetary assets—cash and short-term loans—and taking Habilities—essentially short-term deposits—could be regarded as debtors and creditors.

and creditors.

The English Institute of Chartered Accountants, which has already given its backing to the banks' case for monetary editoriates are accountants. adjustments, is expected to come out in favour of a solu-

### £130m ship deal with Poland near

Negotiations on a £130m ship-building deal between Britain and Poland have reached an edvanced stage, and United Kingdom negotiators are ex-pected to submit their final offer to the Poles soon.

The proposals which emerged a week before Christmas last year when agreement in prin-ciple was reached between Mr Callaghan and Mr Piotr Jaroszewicz, the Polish Premier, have attracted world-wide attention. They have led to allegations (pacticularly from Norway) that Britain is breaking credit rules for Economic Cooperation and Development. But British offi-

Negotiations for the 22-ship deal have been extremely hard and the Poles are well aware of the importance of the order to the suon to be nationalized United Kingdom shipbuilding industry, where the lack of orders is threatening thousands

Since December, three yards have been preparing the de-tailed specifications for the bulk deal. carriers involved in the

responsible for the design of the six 35,000-ton deadweight

that the OECD credit rules are ton vessels in the package, and the Scott Lithgow subsidiary, Yerguson Brothers, for the 10 4,400-ton ships. Next week negotiators hope

to agree on the technical details and a final offer from the organizing committee for British Shipbuilders, the new state organization, will be made

ordy. Under the terms of the deal t is planned to form a joint to splanned to form a joint company in Poland between the Polish state shipbuilding company, PZM, and British Shipbuilders.

PZM would guarantee to pro-

**Contractors** 

### Lucas, Vauxhall sign electric minibus deal

By Clifford Webb

Mess production of electric powered vehicles has moved much nearer with the signing much nearer with the signing of a deal between Lucas Industries and Vauxhell Motors, under which the Americanowned group will begin limited production of an electric minibus at its Luton plant.

Mr. Geoffrey Harding, general manager of Lucas's electric with the strick which wo letters and at the

tric vehicles project, said at the weekend : "I regard this us a considerable breakinguish, which should see electric vehi-cles in volume production in about three years' time." Interest in Lucas's bus is not confined to Vauxhall alone. In Detroit last mouth it was demonstrated personally to the heads of the big four United States motor compenies by Mr Bernard Scott, Lucas group

chairman. Mr Elliott "Pete" Estes, president of General Motors (Vauxhall's parent company, Mr Roy Shapin (chairman of Ford, Mr Eugene Caffero (president of Chrysler), and Mr roy Shapen (chairman of American Motores) all insisted

Opec increases

at below 8 pc

New York, March 20.

Despite an apparent deadlock, the Organization of Petroleum

The journal points out that

reports from Iran say the Shah is ready to drop the dual 10

per cent increase to 8 per cent and thus lead the way back to unity. Price hawks realize too they will need a united front to

be able to raise prices in the

future, PIW says.

uses an advanced low friction transmission and control system developed by Lucas, giving it a range of between 70 and 140 miles on a single charge. With seating capacity for seven, it has a top speed of 55 mph and will accelerate fully leaded from 0 to 30 mph in 14 loaded from 0 to 30 moh in 14 Mr Harding told Business

as we call the new vehicle, has been designed for production on a standard assembly line. In fact, it can be mixed with it-ternal -combustion vehicle production. No job will be foreign to existing assembly line workers." He said it would cost about one and a half times a patrol

powered equivalent but run-ning costs would be much cities of Britain well before based on a seven-year life would be about 8,500 miles a year. He said its range and capabilities made it suitable for 85 per cent of commercial transport requirements major cities.

### It is based on Vanaball's Bedford CF van chassis and uses an advanced low friction By Kenneth Owen

plug and socket.
In a statement on the plan

posed new design would be acceptable.

"Apart from a pericular manufacturer's safety plug" there are few, if any, plug and and socker."

If it is decided that Britain will adopt the new design, the association says, "it really ought to be the final change".

Peter Norman

### THE NATIONAL MUTUAL

Notice of Meeting NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 147th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be beld at 5 Bow Churchyard (off Cheapside) in the City of London on Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 1977, at noon for the following purposes:

Society.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following resolution will be proposed at the above meeting as a Special Resolution:

That the Society's Articles of Association be aftered as follows:—

I. In Article 5 by deleting the figure "£10,000" and substituting the figure "£100,000". 2 In Article 6:-

13th March, 1977

### Hoteliers call for Budget incentive to help finance new building as tourism expands

Commercial Editor

But combined site and con-

coming into line with the rest an bof the EEC by extending flow industrial building allowances Mr to hotels.

on plant and machinery is purroses.

Such a concession would make a significant difference to

Mr Clive Derby, chief execu-tive of BHRCA, said yesterday The present tax treatment of hotels in this country is a glaring anomaly.
"It is extremely unlikely that the industry will be willing to

struction costs of new buildings

If the concession to hotels

make a reasonable return on were made in the forthcoming capital improbable at the moment, according to the moment, according to the Budget, the cost has been estimated by the Government at moment, according to the British Hotels Restaurants and around £25m in a full year. But the indication from the Government that it is prepared to rement that it is prepared

Prospectus:

### Chamber airs expected to unify objection to pricing powers

A memorandum has been sent by the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry to the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection attacking the Government's proposals

Exporting Countries' dust price squabble is likely to end with a settlement equivalent to a 7 to 8 per cent increase for the The memorandum says sur-Petroleum Intelligence year, Petroleum Intelligence Weekly reports. Some oil companies are tailormembers are willing to accept some form of price restraint as ing their planning according to this approximate scenario, it the quid pro quo for pay re-straint. However, the pro-posed switch from allowable Recent denials by members costs to a system of discretion-ary powers is causing great conof Opec of any settlement are understood to be partly aimed at "depressurizing," the situa-tion and leaving negotiators a

The new powers, says the chamber, would introduce further administrative problems and there appears to be no bar to the sort of information the Price Commission could call

Commenting on the proposed powers to investigate selected pcice rises, the chamber says that the need to introduce legis-lative powers to enforce the On nationalized industries the chamber calls for any price controls to apply equally to both public and private sectors,

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Lending rate 10½ pc The Bank of England's minimum lending rate has been fixed at 10½ per cent, with the Bank acting independently of the market related formula. The

### favour 16-amp plug Active support is being given by the Electrical Contractors'

Association to proposals for an international standard 16-amp

the association says the prothe association says the proposed plug and socket would be
basically safer than most in use
in the United Kingdom at
present; but the economics of
introducing the new design have
introducing the new design have still to be examined in detail. From a safety point of view, the association says, existing European plugs are unaccept Germany sees problems erising from the divergence of ably dangerous for use in the United Kingdom. But the proeconomic performance among the industrialized states into

socket arrangements in use in the United Kingdom which are basically as safe as the design of the proposed 16-amp plug and socker.

economy.

stimulation of their

LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY 147th Annual General Meeting

To receive and consider the Directors' Report, the Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1976 and the Auditors' Report thereon; To elect Directors; To appoint Auditors and to transact the other ordinary business of the

2. In Article 6:—

(i) by substituting for the word "seven" the word "fourteen"

(ii) by deleting all the words which follow the words "Article 79 hereof," and substituting the following words: "and no member or other person (except the Auditors) shall be utilized to receive notice of General Meetings. Notice of every General Meeting shall be given to the Auditors in any manner authorised by Article 76".

3. In Article 19(0) by deleting the words "In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £8,000, ten votes" and substituting the following:—

"In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £8,000 but not exceeding £10,000, ten votes

In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £10,000 but not exceeding £12,000, eleven votes

In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £12,000 but not

exceeding £12,000, eleven votes
In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £12,000 but not exceeding £16,000, twelve votes
In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £16,000 but not exceeding £20,000, thirtyeen votes
In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £20,000 but not exceeding £24,000, fourtien votes
In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £24,000, fifteen votes."

In Article 31(b) by inserting immediately after the word "if" the words "without the approval of the Directors".
 In Article 34(a) by deleting the words "but not exceeding £2,000 per annum" and substituting the words "and approved by the Society in General Meeting".
 In Article 37 by deleting the words "but not exceeding £2,000 per annum and £1,000 per annum respectively" and substituting the words "and approved by the Society in General Meeting".
 In Article 43(a) by deleting the word "thirty" and substituting the word "sixty".

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7. In Article 43(a) by deleting the word "thirty" and substituting the word "sixty".

8. In Article 45(b) by hearting immediately after the word "if" the words "without the approval of the Directors".

9. By inserting immediately after Article 34 the following new Article:—

"54A. (a) The Directors may from time to time appoint one or more of their body to the office of Managing Director for such period and on such terms as they think fit.

(b) A Director appointed to the office of Managing Director shall not, while holding that office, be subject to determination ipso facts if he cease from any cause to be a Director or (subject to the terms of any contract between him and the Society) if the Directors resolve that his term of office as Managing Director the determined.

(c) The remunstration of any Managing Director for his services as such may be of such description (whether by way of eafery, commission or participation in profits or partly in one way and partly in another) as, the Directors shall determine.

(d) The Directors may entrust to and confer upon a Managing Director any of the powers exercisable by them es Directors spon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as they think fit, and either collaterably with or to the exclusion of their own powers, and may from time to time revoke, with-time works "or otherwise relates to"

10. In Article 66(b) by inserting immediately effect the words " the each of Article 71 the words " The Directors may from time to time send a shortened version or summary in such form as they think fit of the said documents or any of them to members and other persons not entitled to have send to them copies of the bulince sheet."

NOTICE IS FURTIMER GIVEN that subject to the passing of the abovementoned Special Resolution the following Resolution will be proposed:—

"That the Directors" reduneration, and the additional renumeration of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman be continued at the present rates.

A member qualified to vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on a poli instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Society.

### Testing the market with a gilt-edged novelty

When someone offers you a novelty in the financial world, you can react in two ways. Either you take the view that whoever set the particular novelty before you would have done so only if they were certain, or as certain as they could be, that it was a real bargain. Or you instinctively recoil from the offer, on the assumption that there must be a trick to it

It is, then, going to be fas-cinating to see just how the market responds this week to the Bank's application of the part-paid mechanism to its latest £800m gilt offer.

The case for taking the suspicious view is quite simply that—whether intended or not— the offer could turn out to be a trap. The basis for such a view is that the authorities, with the incomes policy bartle at its height, will find themselves up against rather more difficult funding conditions in the late spring, and that they are merely laying a bait while the fish is in the mood to bite.

Naturally the authorities play down this argument. They prefer to see the exercise as une of restoring a degree of influence over long-term yields while minimizing the squeeze on money supply—the new stock bringing in only £120m before the end of the present financial year. They would, moreover, presumably add that this aim is made all the more visible by the fact that they are actively trying to discourage overseas interests in the new

But that in itself is unlikely to convince the sceptics. For the counter-argument must be that, in the right conditions (and the conditions on Thursday are anyone's guess at the moment), the offer will merely succeed in drawing back much of the speculative money that had recently been eased out of the market. And there is of course no reason why overseas buyers should not punt in the stock for short-term capital gain though it is true that foreigners tend to treat novelties with suspicion, at least first time round.

The main question, however, for most institutions (apart from any problems individual funds may have in earmarking commitments for the next quarter at this stage) is the basic issue of whether now is the right time to be committing new money anyway.

monetary dealings, the PSBR is undershooting and inflation, after the spring hump, should after the spring hump, should be falling nicely. Interest rates too should have further to fall, though how far depends on though how far depends on portionate quantity of building society liquid funds. upturn in overseas rates, and whether one believes (see Greenwell's latest Monetary Bulletin) that unchanged monetary and foreign exchange poli-cies can only lead us into deeper

Over the short term, however, the course of the incomes policy debate must be taken as a poten-tial source of anxiety for financial markets-regardless of the monetary restraints in which any policy will presumably have to work. The foreign exchange marker is already talking of the possibility of a temporary reaction in sterling—which they urgue that the authorities would not choose to prevent. And it is not difficult to see what might happen to sentiment if this was accompanied by, say, poor trade figures or evidence that the for the sake of a high raturn. to sell since Borthwi exceptional factors recently But there isn't a political point be able to persuade depressing bank lending had to be made. The building socie- with a higher offer.



Mr David Darbishire, chairman of FMC: parties meet to talk

been appreciably greater than All that said, the major short-term consideration is obviously going to be Wednesday's vote of confidence. The morning after can hardly fail to be interesting.

### **Building societies**

#### Investment tactics

I gather there is some grinding teeth in the treasurers departments of certain local authorities, at the discovery that the Public Works Loans Board quota finance which they rejected last autumn, cannot now be taken up. At that time the rate at which it was avail-able compared unfavourably with the terms at which money was offered in the market. But was offered in the market. But the situation has now radically changed. Local authorities have been forced into the market recently by the beaks' attempts to shed local authority lending to ease their "corset" constraints. Both this and moves to reschedule some of the formidable burden of short term local authority debt have kept rates high, particularly at the longer end. So PWLB money is now a more attractive alternanow a more attractive alterna-

Certainly, majority feeling is still that the medium-term prospects for gilts remain favourable. The IMF has control over able. The IMF has control over societies will work in favour of the local authorities. For the high rates which local authori-ties are still offering on longer

> To some extent this is merely a reversal of the situaation ruling in the last quarter of last year, when the yield curve was so flat that the building societies were keeping their liquid funds in short term in-struments for preference. But to some extent, also, the flow into two to three-year term investments reflects a desire to take advantage of high rates now, in the expectation of an inflow of funds over the next two months which will permit the restoration of a more normal belance between long and shorter-term investments.

Building societies, of course, are sensitive to the imputation that they are tying up any part of their recently restored in-flow in long-term investments for the sake of a high return.

7! per cent of their funds in liquid form, which in practice means at least 10 per cent.

Term deposits, as well as temporary money with the local authorities, may count towards that 71 per cent—provided the money is lent with a six month "stress" clause, under which the building societies may claim it back if they can plead necessity, once six months have

In practice this stress clause is a dead letter, so that "liquid" as applied to such term investments means not so very liquid after all. But then "liquid" as applied to the 73 per cent statutory liquidity requirement is not so very liquid, either. Any society in need of those funds would automatically be in a state of stress and out of business.

#### Borthwick/FMC

#### Negotiating with the trust

Thomas Borthwick's plan to go over the head of the NFU Development Trust to small shareholders in FMC is proving an empty promise. Pushed into a corner last week by the Trust when it snapped up another 5' per cent or so of FMC shares to take its holding up to nearly 48 per cent, Borthwick knows full well that the only way it can win is to reach some sort of agreement with the Trust. Which explains why the parties are meeting again this week to try to see if there is any com-

one question that needs to be answered is why the Trust didn't put everyone out of its misery last week by picking up the odd 2 to 3 per cent of FMC to give it full control. Under Panel rules, of course, it would have had to raise its bid to the highest price paid for shares during the period and that could have meant stumping up fim plus, assuming it could have won through, say, at the have won through, say, at the market price of 1149. Its failure to do so, however, makes me wonder how far it can up the ante against Borthwick.

The NFU Trust began life in 1954 as the Festick Marketing Corporation and eight years later spun off its trading activi-ties in the shape of the FMC we know today, retaining a 35 per cent investment stake in FMC at the time.

The Trust is in practice a company limited by guarantee with clearly defined objectives: to promote the interests of farmers who produce livestock. Its only real source of income is the dividends on its FMC holding, and though until last return on the cost of its investment was reasonably good, most of its income in the past few years has been used to raise its FMC holding.

With no other sizable source of income, there obviously comes a time when FMC dividends of only 3.85p a share gross, producing a yield of only 31 per cent at 114p, must be weighed against the 1415 per cent cost of borrowed money. And even though its financial advisers reckon its borrowing facilities are adequate, it has already had to borrow to fund part of the 97p offer and may be unwilling or unable to go any farther.

The market is taking that line, at any rate, but shareholders need be in no hurry to sell since Borthwick may yet be able to persuade the Trust

### Hugh Stephenson

### The U-turns which disrupt the flow of commercial traffic

We are starting a week that could force a general election and in due course produce a government of one party or another claiming that it had a new mandate" to do X, X and Z. It would be helpful if, in the economic and industrial field at least, commitments that whole aspects of the existing order would be subject to root and branch reform within the lifetime of the next Parliament could

be kept to a reasonable minimum. For the fact is that under the combined effects of inflation, continued deep recession, several years of voluntary and then involuntary controls on prices and pay, and after a year when the pound devalued almost daily, industry and commerce in both the public and the private sector need as much as possible of an unexciting regime, without unnecessary shocks or

disquiering changes, so that they may come through convalescence with a sense of confidence restored.

Our general system seems positively to delight in forcing through U-turns of policy. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the policies designed to deal with the intransigent problems of high unemployment in the traditional

deal with the intransigent problems of high unemployment in the traditional industrial areas.

For example, an area like Merseyside now has to come to terms with the latest job losses because of the closures at Plessey. Coming on top of other well-publicized cutbacks in the area, the Plessey problems are having a disproportionately large impact. Yet Merseyside, like other development areas, has just seen the Government cut without warning the regional employment premium, which was employment premium, which was specifically designed to encourage employers of labour to

themselves in such areas. REP has had its critics as well as its supporters. It lacks discrimination. It is a non-productive subsidy. Many of those involved consider that equivalent sums spent on, say, building advanced factories would have produced more jobs. Bur the withdrawal of the premium without warning must upset the cash flow projects of companies

operating in development areas.

Worse, it can only undermine the credibility and therefore the effectiveness of all other inducements to invest in development areas. If REP can be cut off thus, so could anything else. The decision about a new investment is made on a time-scale longer than that

made on a time-scale longer than that in which most politicians operate. At the very least the system should be made to operate so that major legislative and fiscal changes carry with them adjustment periods within which rational industrial and commercial adjustments can be made. This is only one of the juddering U-

turns of central policy about the

regions. There is the sudden switch in fashion from demolition and clearance to rehabilitation of our decaying city

There is the sudden conclusion that

There is the sudden conclusion that providing homes and jobs in new towns on greenfield sites may be less effective and more expensive than trying to create jobs where the unemployment already exists and the investment in the infrastructure is already in being. There is the dawning realization that areas with high vulnerability to cyclical unemployment in traditional manufacturing industry need more commercial and office jobs. In contrast traditional policy has tried to attract equally and office jobs. In contrast traditional policy has tried to attract equally vulnerable manufacturing and capital-intensive investment to such areas. But, if policy changes are to be made in these directions they should come in such a way that industry and commerce believe them to be permanant not temporary and cap regrand.

nent not temporary, and can respond

### Is the pace of modern life too hot for the small shopkeeper?

Twenty years ago, a high street was not a high street without its family butcher, baker and grocer, its cheery cobbler, friendly chemist and magic sweetshop where the owner, if she was in a good mood, could usually be relied on to pop in an extra bulls-eye or pear drop when pocket money was running

Yet even Napoleon, at his most caustic, would be hard put to call us "a nation of shop-keepers" today.

Since the start of the sixtles small grocers have dwindled by about a third, while indepen-dent shoemenders are down by over half: from 11,000 to just below 5,000. Tobacconists, confectioners and newsagents are disappearing at the rate of 1,000 a year. Some 5,000 butchers (more than one in six) have vanished since 1971.

Corner street greengrocers are going the same way, with a loss of over 2,250 during the past four years. Fish 'n chip shops are a shadow of their for-mer numbers and, with fish and potatoes at current prices, a dire question mark must be hanging over the remsining 10,000. Even chemists have been closing at an average rate of 300 a year for the last decade leaving a total of under

indeed, the only stalwarts to be bucking the trend are master bakers whose association recorded a 11 per cent increase in\_1975.

Some decline in the fortunes of small shopkespers was probably inevitable, given the social changes in life style, the "big is best" syndrome that has dominated business thinking and the greater professionalism that has come into retailing forcing out the band of often delightful but happy-go-lucky amateurs, who invested in a small shop more as a pleasant retirement occupation than as a genuine commercial career

While many small traders may be unwilling to accept it, the reality is that, despite their drawbacks, the advent of the drawbacks, the advent of the supermarket—and more recently the hypermarket—is partly a response to new consumer priorities. The buying public has willingly sacrificed service for price, personal attention for the time-saving of self-selection and the convenience of the local shop for the greater convenience of buy-

the greater convenience of buy-ing everything under one roof. Delivery, which traditionally was part of the service housewives gratefully paid for, today rates less highly as more families have become car owners. And the cheerful chat owners. And the cheerru char over the counter, which added so much to the pleasanness of shopping, is a luxury which the increasing number of working wives no longer have the time to afford.

Furthermore, whereas once the great asset of the small owner-run shop was the choice



Boarded shops where small businesses once thrived adjacent to newly arrived supermarkets a sign of the time pictured here in a suburban high street near London.

special merchandize basic range of goods will be practically identical.

The consolidation of manufacturers and suppliers has probably contributed almost as muck to the demise of small shops as the greater buying power of their larger rivals. What has undoubtedly helped the trend along has been the growing swing to convenience

With the spread of refrigera-tors, not only did daily shopping cease to be a necessity but come the introduction of grandmothers forsook the habits of a lifetime, in gain of freedom from the kitchen chores. From there, it was only a short step to the greater acceptance of pre-packed goods; and with the multiples growing apace, the large firms cashed in on volume orders: squeezing out many of the smaller manufacturers / suppliers and accelerating the merger, take over stampede.

With fewer buying outlets, the small shop suddenly found itself competing directly with the glants and since, despite efforts towards collaborative purchasing, it could not obtain the same bulk order discounts cost of stock came more expensive. A common moan among the Independent grocers fraternity is that they can purchase the staples more cheaply at the cash and carry than through their normal supplier. And that, they swear darkly, has nothing to do with mere economies of scale!

The National Food and stocked, today the likelihood is Drink Federation says the big-that whether supermarket, gest problem the small man is multiple or corner shop, the up against is discriminatory pricing, by which they mean the whole gamut of unfair trad-ing practices—with lavish perks ing practices—with lavish perks offered and special one-off prices being agreed. What is needed, they urge, is an investigation into "the discount racket" with—at the end of the day—a new Fair Trading Act which makes it unlawful for suppliers to discriminate in price between different custoprice between different customers for like orders.

> On March 29 we shall see whether the save our cities campaign is for real-or just window dressing

Allegations of unfair trading are not confined to the grocery business. The Retail Fruit Trade Federation complains that their members are habitually short-changed on both quality and quantity and that until weight and grading regulations are imposed on growers/wholesalers, purchase of stock will remain a lottery— with the small greengroom invariably getting a raw deal.

EEC intervention policies are another sore point, with the National Federation of Meat Traders bitterly maintaining that: " Membership of the EEC has resulted in the manipulation of the market in favour of the bigger boys". What particularly riles independent butchers are the concessions to large groups with the cold storage facilities to take meat off the marketenabling them to purchase on vastly more favourable terms.

A situation that Len Moss of the federation vigorously de-nounces as "subsidized specula-

Buying muscle apert, each group of small traders has its own special grievance. Tobacconists feel victimized, as Tobaccousts feel victimized, as in budget after budget the cost of smoking is pushed higher. Newsagents claim "the little man hasn't time to read everything he sells and that (as in Italy) publishers—not ratallers—should be liable for the contents of girlle magazines.

Fish fryers, butchers and greengrocers are all suffering from consumer resistance to (unavoidably) higher prices, the victims of affluence: a well-heeled society that casually threw away its shoes. However, as trade association St Crispin's joyfully reports, in recent months the trend has definitely been "back to the shoe-mender ".

shoe-mender".

Chemists, arguably the best organized of the small traders, view the future with deepest foreboding. With every health centre that opens, an average of five chemists are forced to close: as a result of lost dispensing and other NFS revenue, which accounts for 60 per cent of purpover. At present there which accounts for 60 per cent of turnover. At present, there are 630 centres. The target is 4,000 and if chemists continue to be annihilated, not only will the public lose a vital service but the pressure on doctors will greatly increase. In an attempt to stop the rot, the Pharmacists' Negotiating Committee is cam-paigning for a subsidy scheme and a system of planned dis-tribution, to prevent new chemists from leap-frogging into prime sites and forcing the

closure of existing shops. While health centres and beef prices have nothing in common, this mass extermination of small shops is hardly coinci-dence. Politicians may euphemistically call it development. Ken Peters, of the National Federation of Retail News-"Whole areas of towns are being wrenched down, leaving in their wake a trail of small shops deprived of suitable premises and without the multiples and trendy boutiques for the new plush sites in the high street."

When the crunch comes

some close down; others bravely strike up in a side street but, once cut off from the mainstream, passing trade dwindles and turnover slumps. It is not just the astronomic rents in the new shopping parades or the fact that there are never enough small units in a development to rehouse shop-less traders, often the rumour of compulsory purchase orders is sufficient to cause planning blight. Decaying inner cities can stem as much from fear of developers as the actual damage The economics of running a small grocer or chemist are now

so bazardous that even a minor extra risk or trivial setback may tip the balance between solvency and bankruptcy. Over the past three years rates have rocketed (a West Drayton shoe-mender tells of a weekly in-crease in rent and rates from £26 to £70, an East London butcher of a rate increase of 300 per cent), cashflow has been squeszed and the effects of inflation on overheads and vages have become so costly that an average 9 per cent profit on tobacco or typical greengrocer's annual turnover of £28,000 looks daily more unrealistic. Add to this penal direct and business taxation, the self-employed national insurance contributions, the cost of bor-rowing and the new national insurance surcharge that comes into effect on April 6 and it is small wonder that so many small shops are quietly disappearing.
For some, the last straw may be the prospect of capital trans fer tax; for others, the hours of unproductive labour in completing their VAT returns or in dealing with the mounds of forms, questionnaires and requlations—not to mention the frequent visits from officials which distract from the job of running a business. The Em-ployment Protection Act, the

almost every month, some new neil is driven into the small shopkeeper's coffin. Already in some localities it is impossible to buy fresh fish, impossible to get your shoes repaired and the nearest chem-ist is five miles away. Not only is the public losing essential services but with each shop that shuts a few extra names swell

threat of municipal trading . . .

the dole queue.

The inner city debate is walcome. But if the Government genuinely wants to restore jobs and bring back the life to our cities, action is needed to reduce the burden of rates, tax and bureaucracy that is driving shops—and many other small businesses—into the ground.

At the very least, the Chan-cellor's Budget speech should include: a cut in direct taxation, simpification of VAT to-gether with relief against bad debts, incentives to plough back business profits, fairer national insurance contributions. I pledge to reform the vexed question of mixed heriditaments as they affect the rates, plus an easing up on the multiple regulations that are swamping small traders in a sea of paperwork.
On March 29, we shall see
whether the "save our cities"
campaign is for real—or just window dressing

Rosemary Brown

### Business Diary in Europe: Fiat's Libyan backers • TU reformer

The purchase last December of \$530m Italy is seeking from a 9.6 per cent share in Fiat. the International Monetary a sign of his prestige that no single man could be found to take his place at the BFG. been followed by the nomination of two Libyans to the Image builder

their forties. Regeb A. Miselsummer. lati, born in 1934 and a grad-unte of Benghazi University, is described by Fiar as president and director general of the and director general of the 1958 and took over the chair-Umma Bank, a founder of the Prima Commercial Bank, a deputy governor of the Central Bank, and also president and

director general of the National Oil Corporation.

He is also one of the fiveman Fiat executive committee, along with the Agnelli brothers Giovanni and Umberto, Gianlaigi Gabetri and Cesare Romiil Cesare Romiti.
The other is Abdalla Saudi.

40 yesterday, chairman and general manager of the Libyan Arab Foreign Bank, who was involved on the Libyan side in the confidential negotiations for the deal.

Giovanni Agnelli has said the Libyans will have no power of very and there are no secret.

veto and there are no secret clauses in the agreement, while the Libyans have made plain their policies will be governed by business rather than polit-

ical considerations. They have already paid over companies have a rather un-the \$415m they promised to defined public image. Critics inject into Fiat, to the conse-quent benefit of the lira lack a sense of direction. exchange rate in recent weeks. If anyone can change this
The sum is not far short of the state of affairs it will be Walter Enzo Ferrari.

mation of two Libvans to the motor and engineeering group's board. Their first attendance will probably be at a board meeting this month.

The run are both backers in The two are both bankers in Bank Für Gemeinwirtschaft this

> manship three years later. Under his sway, the BFG has grown into one of Germany's bigger nationwide banks with a group balance sheet total of around DM40,000m.

> Although Hesselbach is stepping down as BFG chief executive, he is not going into retirement. From this summer he is to run the trade unions' commercial interests in banking, insurance, retailing and travel as chief executive of the union owned holding company Beteiligungsgesellschaft Gemeinwirtschaft.

The German trade movement has an ambivalent attitude towards its not inconsiderable commercial empire. Purists have argued that the movement should always be seen to be on the side of the lads and not play at being one of the bosses. Perhaps because of this, the trade union owned

single man could be found to take his place at the BFG. Instead control will pass to two men in their forties. Diether Hoffmann, aged 47, will be in charge of foreign business and the 44-year-old Thomas Wegscheider will assume responsibility for the bank's activities in West Germany.

Into the pits

The retirement of 79-year-old Enzo Ferrari as president of the company he founded more than 30 years ago ends an era -but it seems certain that flame-red Ferraris will continue to dazzle crowds on race tracks around the world.

Ferrari, who announced yesterday he was quitting because of age and ill health, is



expected to maintain control over the activities of the racing

team.

"But for racing nothing will change", chief engineer Mauro Forghieri said yesterday. "Indeed, Ferrari will now be thinking solely of racing, which has always been the thing that interested him most."

With a new car at the testing stage, and due to make its debut in the Spanish Grand.

stage, and due to make its debut in the Spanish Grand Prix, there is every reason to suppose that Ferrari's ambition is still to add to his tally of seven world championship titles. Since 1969 the Ferrari company has been controlled by the Fiat Group, and the choice of Ferrari's new president reason. of Ferrari's new president rests with the Agnelli brothers at Fiat.

Food for thought The recent death of Anthony

Crosland not long after chairing an all-night EEC ministerial meeting in Brussels has reinforced the resolve of his Cabinet colleague, John Silkin, to avoid a final gruelling marathon to wind up this year's farm price review.

The British Minister of April The British Minister of Agri-culture, who will be in the EEC culture, who will be in the EEC presidency chair when the price discussions resume at the end of this week, has wagered a number of his friends and colleagues that the final bargaining session will end at dinner rather than breakfast time. His aim is supported by Fina Olay Gundelach, the European Commissioner for Agriculture, who will almost certainly play a crucial role in working out a final compro-

Silkin feels particularly strongly about the folly of working through the night, largely because of his experience as a Labour whip in Westminster when his party had a wafer-thin majority in the mid-dle 1960s. He firmly believes that the strain of attending all-night session of Parliament during the 1964-66 Labour Government curtailed the lives of a number of MPs on both sides of the House.

But notwithstanding Silkin's good intentions, seasoned fol-lowers of EEC farm price marathons will be amazed if this year's exercise can be completed at a civilized hour.

King's tour

Hard-working King Juan Carlos of Spain arrived in Cairo this weekend on the first stop of a one-week Middle East trip to improve Spain's commercial and diplomatic relations with Arab countries.

Accompanied by Queen Sofia and by Marcelino Oreja, his foreign minister, the King is to confer with Egyptian President, Anwar Sadat about trade deals. It was recently agreed that Egypt will manu-facture automobiles under licence from the Spanish SEAT

company.

He will also make modern history by being the first non-Islamic head of state to visit the Arab League headquarters in Cairo. On Wednesday he will travel to Jordan, for a three-day official visit at the invitation of his friend King

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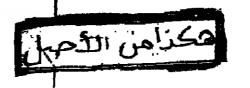
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analysis is centred on margins

and consumer spending levels,

I. & A. Scringeour has concen-

traded its research on property

portfolios in forecasting a

rerating of Tesco Stores (Hold-

Tesco, the firm states, entered the current decade with a property portfolio heavily weighted with first and second

eneration supermarkets. Draw-

ing on American sources, the

broker states that the long-term vulnerability of such units is high, but having substantially

extended and re-positioned its stores. Tesco will enter the 1980s in a stronger competitive

position than it entered the

In the year ended February,

1977, the group should make almost £30m, pre-tax, the firm believes, going up to about £33.5m in the current year.

The prospective earnings multiple of 8.7 compares with the food retailing multiple of 10.6,

and Scrimgeour recommends that weightings in this "core sector holding" should be pro-

If Tesco, to borrow the brokers phrase, has been sub-

jected to a "continued process of downward rerating", De La Rue has been put through the

hoops. Even today, the latest review by Phillips & Drew still refers to the missed forecasts

gressively increased.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Tesco moves have paved way for

made in the course of repelling

the Rank Organisation bid no

De La Rue's acquisitions, the

broker admits, seemed irrele-

vant to what the group knew best (shades of later institu-tional objection to Rank itself),

but although the dominant

security printing businesses may be entering a consolidation phase, after a year of exceptional growth, Foormica—such a headache in France and Casermany last was should

Geermany last year-should

substantially reduce losses in

the next two years while United Kingdom trading pros-pects have improved with the

introduction of new products.

Phillips & Drew's analyst, Mr John Marsh, calculates that group earnings will almost double in the current year, giving a 20 per cent discount

to average market price/earn-

ings ratios.

If De La Rue and Tesco have

had their share of criticism over the years, EMI has been a blue-

a glamour product—in this instance medical scanners—and there is inevitably a rush for the shares. The latest

results, however, contained a

warning on future growth rates,

heavy spending requirements and barsh regulatory controls.

Despite the subsequent dis-

appointment, both Rowe Rudd and Quilter Hilton Goodison

less than eight years ago.

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ercial traff

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Tended to the state of the stat green and an arrange in the BTA

om Sir Alexander Glen rvices for overseas visitors to ourist Authority is glad to ovide the answers.

Over the past few years the limber of overseas staff

imber of overseas staff aployed in the hotel trade has en reduced drastically. In e period January to Septemer 1976, it was necessary for overnment to issue only 3,406 bour permits for foreign id Commonwealth workers. hroughout the country it is nited Kingdom cirizens who day are predominantly incloyed, and as an example ritain's largest hotel group noloys only 7 per cent of non-

nploys only / per cent of non-risish workers.

The BTA has carried out a umber of studies on urban ongestion, the last Tourism i Context by Mr Victor liddleton of the University of urrey. This shows clearly that is not tourism which drives to residents from inner urban ie residents from inner urban eas. They move usually ber them as industry closes own. Tourism frequently offers ow opportunities in such areas nd overseas visitors use the implies of resources provided or the resident community. Mr Baker completes of pres-tre of noise, crowding, inva-on of privacy. But he should ole that the ten million overeas visitors who came to Britin last year were only one in hot the number of our own alk who stavelled in Britain on coliday or for personal or busiess reasons. If people en masse nnoy Mr Baker, he must then egin to take a good hard look

r, Mr Nicholas Baker, in his about the cost to the community of different types of tourism. I suspect he is confusing the situstion in Britain with that in ritain" of March 16, put four Spain. In fact, the purposes for testions, and the British which visitors come to Britain are infinitely varied.

Nearly a quarter of the spending derives from conferences and seminars, and artistic, scientific and medical reasons, together with language study, provide some of a host of other reasons for visiting Britain. What is disturbing in the letter from Mr Baker, as a prospective parliamentary can-didate, is his disinterest both in the balance of payments of Britain and also in the reduction of unemployment. An activity which contributed last year £2,000m to the sorely strained balances cannot be written off as lightly as Mr Baker suggests. Nor can activity which provides over a million predominantly—as has explained—for British

Tourism, in short, has been one of the few growth industries in Britain. Like every human activity it has its disadvantages as its benefits, but the former do not include pollution or the scarring of landscape, while the benefits are very apparent in the support which towism spending has given to the artis-tic and cultural life of the country. Good theatre, music and the historic houses would be much the poorer without be much the poorer without tourism's support and the preservation of a Mentmore would be an idle dream. Yours faithfully, ALEXANDER GLEN, Chairman, British Tourise Authority, Queen's House, 64 St. James's Street, Louden SWIA. 1NE.

in the end, will I have to go to Ford of Germany? Yours faithfully, CHARLES L. IRWIN. It is not possible, however, to London Stanswer Mr Baker's question March 17: Nettlebed,

### Providing an 'umbrella' for the construction industry

Sir, May I have the opportunity of commenting on Mr Moxley's letter (March 14)—"Construction: a need to speak out". My association initiated, at the end of last year, a move to form an "umbrella" organization of, in particular, the professions in the construction industry, and there is no reason, in my view, why the proposal that your correspondent is put-ting forward should not be in-cluded in the activities of such a body. I agree with Mr Moxley in that there is a great need

for our industry to combine its elforts. Whereas "power

through strength" is not a new concept it is one which is be-ing-used increasingly today. It is also very pertiuent to note that if the 300,000 on-employed in the industry could be put back to work by a re-vitalization of our activities, the total United Kingdom unemployment figure could be reduced by 20 per cent—at a stroke. Yours faithfully,

D. M. WALKER. Immediate Past-President. The Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors, 24 Half Moon Street,

### Maritime flag of the Seychelles

From the President of the Republic of Sevehelles Sir. The article by Peter Rill, ir. The article by reter sey nations mentioned in the structure showing the flag at the Sey-helles convenience (March take a firm hand in all matters take a firm hand in all matters the safety of the 15) in no way reflects the intenions of my Government to set to the Seychelles meritime The contents of the irticle completely misconstrues he facts and condemns the lag before it even has had ims to establish itself. would therefore wish to

dvise your readers that my sovernment's objective is to istabilish the Seychelles as a naritime flag and in time to sin the confidence and respectiflity that is artifluted to ther maritime nations.

Sconomics Correspondent

ion, a study from the Institute Economic Affairs declares

The study, written by Mr. David Morgan, an economist at he International Monetary and, argues that a failure to

idjust tax allowances to take

recount of rising prices was a

ital personal taxes between 1973-74 and 1975-76.

He argues that the system provides Government with a apidly increasing source of

evenue, making it easier to acrease public spending with

out looking at the tax implica-

The effect of inflation has

ncen to increase tax rates harply without forcing poli-icians into the open with armal proposals for higher-rate

aware of the amears that have been tagged to some of the nations mentioned in the article concerning the safety of the ships and the crews that man

Make no mistake, my Government has no intention of allowing any company or person to damage the reputation of our flag as, like the United King-dom, we are an island, dependant entirely on the see for our

Yours faithfully, JAMES R. MANCHAM, The Savoy, London. March 17.

that while the great majority of

tion pushes up money income, the impact in percentage terms is greatest within any tax band

or those who are worst off.
In particular, for the great

majority of the population who, pay tax at the standard rate of 35 per cent, the worst effect is

on those whose pay is small and whose family is large.

This is because tax allow-

ances are most important for

them, so they suffer most from en erosion of the allowances' real value. The scale of the-drop in the real value of these allowances is calculated at

nearly a third in some cases.

A single person's allowance stood at £595 in April, 1973, compared with £398 now, after

higher rates there has also been a substantial drop in the level

For those who pay max at the

allowing for inflation.

per cent, the worst effect is

### Ford UK cars and delivery dates

From Mr C. L. Irwin Sir, It is ironic that Mr. Burgess's letter (March 16) concerning the cancellation of a Mini Clubman Estate and substitution by a Ford Escort 1300 should have appeared in today's issue.

In the late afternoon of January 31, at the showrooms of Ford Personal Escort, London, I placed an order, and left a deposit on a 1300 Ford Escort to comply with specifications for a European country. Delivery date was given as March 28, 1977.

given as March 28, 1977.

When I reached home, three hours later, a 'phone call had advised my wife, who did not know that I had ordered the vehicle, that the colour which had been offered me, and which I had chosen, was not available. The following day a 'phone call advised her that delivery could not be expected until the end of the first week in April. in April. Yesterday afternoon, after

18 minutes on the 'phone, for which I had paid, and in answer to my request, I was advised that although delivery had been unicipated for April 11, it would almost certainly be several weeks thereafter before I could expect to take delivery of the car. I would be advised. I'am an ex-managing director of the distributor for the whole Ford line in Angola. I can state that the members of the Ford Motor Company, from a Finn, to Swiss, French and Portuguese, who were sent out by Ford of Europe to assist me were outstanding in their cooperation and in the fact that they worked, and worked hard

Oxfordshire RG9 5AE. March 16.

#### Industry and the use of reclaimed land

From Colonel J. F. Williams Sir, The news that the British Steel Corporation is to retain and expand its works at Port Talbot and Shotton is welcome

Not only will it mean the preservation of very highly-skilled and specialized jobs, but it will also mean the continued use of land which is of no other value whatsoever. At Shotton the works are built poon reckimed marshes and as Port Talbot on sand dunes.

At a time when so much good ferming land is being roads and similar purposes i is most encouraging for those production to see industry

I am. Sir. Yor obedient servant, JOHN WILLIAMS-WYNNE, Peniarth, Tywyn, Merioneth,

higher tax bracket. Higher-rate

tax started at £5,000 in April.

1973, whereas it today starts at £2,711 in 1973 terms. The gap

in real terms between each

step is now about 60 per cent of what it was in 1973.

ing an increasing source of income taxes, whose share of

toral tax revenue rose from 42.6 per cent in 1964 to 52.1

per cent in 1975, has been a

major factor explaining gov-

ernment profiligacy. He cites past examples of increasing

government spending and also

argues, that the public-sector deficit has been in continual growth since 1972-73.

Most of this section was clearly written before the De-

tember series of cuts and latest estimates, which suggest that

the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement will fall sharply in 1976-77 and even faster next

The author claims that hav-

March 17.

### Call for inflation-indexed taxation

The results for the year to January 31, 1976, reported last month, showed that turnover slipped to £2.63m from £2.67m.

J. P. Morgan

The chairman of the old New York banking house of J. P. Morgan is looking for a "more robust" United States economy this year. Forecasting

by Guinness that between January 24 and March 11, Guinness bought 861,014 shares (11.6 per cent).

price of 65p ".

### Lord Caldecote to head Legal and General

Viscount Caldecore, deputy thairman of the Legal and General Assurance Society, is to succeed Viscount Harcourt as chairman when the latter retires at the annual general meeting on May 18. Lord Caldecore joined the Legal and General board in February last year and was appointed deputy chairman in January. He is also chairman of Deka Metal Co and a director of Lloyds Bank and Consolidated Gold Fields.

Mr Alastair Robertson, actuary

me Softish Equitable Life Assur-mice Society, has been appointed a director of the society with immediate effect. On September 1 he will become general man-ager in succession to Mr Ian Isles, who retires on August 31. Mr Isles will remain a director. Mr Charles Green has been appointed director field engineers.

Mr N. F. Nicholson has been made finance director, EMI Leisure Enterprises. Mrs Mary leffery becomes finance director, EMI Hotels and Restaurants Operations, and Mr D. R. Davies, managing director, EMI Sound and Vision Equipment.

Mr John Briggs has been made managing director of Townsend Car Ferries. Mr John Parsons has been appointed deputy managing

#### and Mr Sean Roche, are worried by the technical position of the shares and estimate that they would fall sharply if the index dipped below 400. But after the interim figures and the Development Securities

bid (effectively a rights issue); the broker is confident that new products announcements could restore EMTs growth rating. The CT scanning, ultrasonics and linear accelerators are three important areas. The shares, say Rowe's trio, would be an "excellent buy under 200p.

Quiter's analyst, Mr Field Walton, is less sanguine. The results, he says dryly, were not up to expectations and the stock no longer warrants an above average rating, although the Development Securities deal offers a case for a hold on income grounds. A final dividend of 8.75p has been fore-

Fielding, Newson-Smith's priori-ties for a recommendation in Imperial Continental Gas Association. Earnings, says Mr D. A. Richards, will grow by a third this year due to the pay off on the investment in Calor, Petro-fina's benefits from the North Sea and the improvement from the Belgian subsidiaries.

Ray Maughan

### A P Cement, Bowring, Philips, Ladbroke due

national and a string of major British industrials is the measure of the coming week's line-up of rourine company news, which is strongly biased to end-year statements.

Philips Lamp reports Thursday along with Smith & Nephew, complemented by interim figures from C. T. Bowring and the Sime Darby complex. But these will be preceded by Rolls-Royce Motors, Assoc'd Portland Cement, and

Ladbroke—all finals.

A beavy list for Wednesday takes in BICC, Booker McConnell, General Accidents, Ibstock-Johnsen, and Rockware. There is always wide interest in Beaverbrook Newspapers their interim is now expected on Friday, For the rest, two carpet makers are reporting— Blackwood Morron and Youghal Details: [ODAY. Interims—Chambers

and Fargus, Courtney Pope, Epicure Hidgs, R. Green Props, Lawtex, and Miln Masters. Finals — Beauto-Masters. Finals — Beauto-Clark, Jamesons Chocolstes, Low and Bonar, Pataling Rubber, and Rolls-Royce COMORROW. Interims—Malay-

an Tin, Ricardo Eng. and Southern Malayan Tin, Finals Boddingtons Breweries, Bronx Eng, Bury and Masco, Home Counties Newspapers, John L. Jacobs, Ladbroke, Sharus

Ware, Tomatin Distillers and Watmoughs.
WEDNESDAY. Interims—A

Beckman, Maynards, Utd City Merchants, and Jas Walker Goldsmith and Silversmith. Finals—Banro Cons Inds, BICC, Booker McConnell, Electrolux, General A/B Electrolux, General Accident, Glenlivet Distilleries, J. Hewitt, and Ibstock-Johnsen, A. A. Jones and Shipman, F. J. C. Lilley, Liverpool Post, Rockware, Sam Sherman, TPT Ltd, and Youshel Cartes. Youghal Carpets.

### Results this week

and Sons, Blackwood Morton, C. T. Bowring, Cons Plantations, Countryside Props, Gal-lenkamp, G. F. Lovell, Pressac, W. Ribbous, Sime Pressac, W. Ribbons, Same Darby Hidgs, and F. W. Thorpe. Finals—British Mo-hair Spinners, Friedland Dug-gart, Manchester Liners, Philips Lamp, Smith and Nephew, Tharsis Sulphur and Copper Wilkinson Washur. Copper, Wilkinson Warbur-ton, Wolf Electric Tools, and Yule Catto. Catro.
Interims—Beaver-FRIDAY.

brook Newspapers. Finals
Brown Brothers, Gibbs and
Dandy, Relyon (PBWS),

### Shellabear gets £1.35m offer-if all goes well

When shareholders in a were around 90 per cent of group which coyly reveals an anomymous suitor have to wait weeks for details they are sometimes entitled to fear the worst. But in the case of builder and civil engineer Shellabear Price which sank into the red in the six months to June 30 ast, the wait was not in vain. On February 4 it reported talks with "an unlisted company"

At the end of last week they were 37p and now an offer of 45p cash has come along. The suitor is revealed as Biwater, a private company at Dorking, Surrey. It designs, supplies and

and the shares leapt 17p to

instals water treatment plants at home and abroad. In the

turnover.
In 1975 Biwater won the Queen's Award to Industry for Exports". think the offer is fair and certain directors and their families will back it for 53 percent of the capital. County Bank advises Biwater.

There could be a snag. Shellabear thinks that it made small profits last year but Biwater has instructed accountants to verify the management accounts of Shell-abear for 1976, and to confirm no material change for the worse since then. It also wants to be satisfied about the worth

### Sir John Prideaux on need for realism in bank accounting

Likening the problems for the banks in maintaining their capital ratios at a time of high inflation to "that which arises in the accounts of industrial undertakings needing addi-tional working capital to cover inflationary increases in the cost of replacing stocks". National Westminster's retiring chairman, Sir John Prideaux, points ouet in his annual report that without adjustment for this erosion of free capital ratios. to determine current cost profits of banks "will not be meaningful".

Last year, as the accounts show, National Westminster's deposits rose by 16 per cent to £15,384m (with International

Westminster Bank's deposits accounting for something over £4,200m of that), while share holders' funds rose by less than 9 per cent

funds was, however, depressed by the property reassessment which wiped £50m off the value of certain central London premises and offset most of the benefits, in terms of screngthengroup obtained from last year's £64m rights issue. Sir John-says that the bank's

property assessments now show that there is "no significant difference between the overall book and market values of the group's properties The new tower building in Bishopsgate, which was topped

Briefly

(130.5m francs). Net dividend of

11.18 france per share, and 5.59

francs tax credit (10.50 francs and

5.25 france respectively for 1975).

when completed, to hold the interpational division, is included in fixed assets (up from £550m to £554m during the year) as one of the major sites in course of revaluation.

These are taken in, at cost, against £51m at the end of the preceding year. Commitments for future expenditure at the year-end amounted to £183m as against £196m a year pre-

He also says that while the resources of Courts & Co coutipued to grow satisfactorily, published profits have been held back by the need for fur-

### Westinghouse in Italian talks

Westinghouse Electric Corporation says that it has the flat yield on the £3m issue
indicated its willingness to
discuss reducing its equity in
two majority owned Italian
nuclear supply units.

At the placing price of LSS
the flat yield on the £3m issue
is £13.38 per cent, and the
redemption yield £13.46 per
cent. The strength of the giltedged market since the issue

: an components, and Coren, au Italian-based nuclear fuel com-

that there have not yet been formal discussions about the sale of the equity interest. AP-Dow Jones.

a small premium

per ceut Redeemable Debenture placed by broker Dennis Murphy, Campbell last week.

suggests that the stock will go to a small premium. John Michael out of the red Mr J. M. Ingram, chairman

Mr J. M. Ingram, chairman of menswear group John Michael (Savile Row) reports that the turnround predicted in his last statement has come about. The unaudited accounts for 1976-77 show a return to profits, and a "considerable" capital windfall besides.

ary is Morgan Guaranty Trust. -AP-Dow lones. Guinness presses on: Mr Beney adamant

The WCB board has been told

ings of the bank for the March

quarter, Mr Klimore Patterson

said that interest rates "should

move upward a few notches as loan demand builds".

company's chief subsidi

SENA SUGAR ESTATES
Board aware of circumstances
indicating possibility of offer for
all outstanding £419,181 of 81 per
cent second deb stock 1987-92. The offer from Arthur Guinness for White, Child & Beney of 65p cash or 701p in shares is due to close on Friday. COMBINED ENGLISH STORES The brewer emphasizes that

Netherlands associate, jointy owned with NV Amer buying Bercionw BV of Utrecht for 1375,000 cash; Co adds to group's its offer for White, Child, in which it already has more than 52 per cent, will not be extended or increased in any circumhandbag, interests. Mr Richard Beney, WCB's chairman, recently pledged that

LAFARGE SA

PINLAND BANK NOTES Union Bank of Finland is offering \$30m of floating rate notes in the Eurobond market through a syndicate headed by Citicorp International. The notes will pay Guinness will never get full control at the existing cash offer

### semi-annual interest at 1 per cent ps above the skr-month London Interbank rate, subject to an expected minimum of 61 per cent.

At annual meeting, Mr J. H. M. Mackenzie said that litigation between co and Royal Dutch Shell sub, Billiton, over claims and counter claims about Dutch cos bought from Billiton continues. Turnover for 1976 up from 5,300m francs to about 6,000m francs (about £700m). Earnings Group's trading encouraging

Citicorp International Bank (CIBL), part of Citicorp Internation Group: 1976 pre-tark profit 55.27m (13.82m). Group kept to place lest year in syndication of international loans, and did more

Eurosecurities. ENGLISH PROPERTY CORP

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STAFFS POTTERIES Staffordshire Potteries (Holdings) has been told by Hill.
Samuel that it has disposed of 450,000 ordinary, shares in Staf...
fordshire and now holds none.

More financial news, page 24

#### Aquis Securities Limited PROPERTY INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT

Extracts from the Accounts and the Review of the year ended 31st December 1976 by the Chairman, Mr. Harold Quitman. (With comparative figures for the year to 31 st December 1975).

\* Net profit before tex £334,920 /1975: 255.601 \* After taxation £159,55# (1975: £152,348).

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### Interim Price Commission report on beer considered There is a possibility that he Price Commission will pub-

Britain's personal tax system the population suffers some in-

ish in interim report on beer. celing within the Commission s that the subject is providing t with its most complex inves-gation yer undertaken, accause of the nature of the ndustry, the size and areas. overed by brewers, the comlex system of nied houses and iffering pricing structures, The Commission is finding hat while information on what re regarded as the "national" rewers is relatively easily btained, it is proving difficult " sample " the regional pro-

fairly closely chosen and

iffering areas.

Consequently, the possibility of an interim report on the production distribution costs of larger companies is being con-sidered as an interim measure,

Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, has already the Commission's report on soft drink "Mixers" on his desk. and publication is expected some time before Easter.

is regarded as the much more crucial investigation into beer

### While this is expected to be highly critical of the licensed trade, the Department of Price may ry to present that report on a fiarly low key in order to direct public attention to what. ucers, each of whom operates

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### No rush to join NEB's Insac Data

By Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent

Interviewed in the current issue of Computing magazine, Mr Pearce says: "If Insac gets the membership I anticipate it will represent companies whose combined sales are already £40m

programmes. Formation of the Insac comlast month, since when

Several negotiations with companies in the computer industry for membership of the National Enterprise Board's Insac Data Systems offshoot are well down the line", according to Mr John Pearce, deputy director of the NEB's computers

to £50m."

and electronics division.

ticularly towards the end of the The new NEB subsidiary, he said, would provide overseas marketing operations for member companies, and would also invest in members' hardware software development

pany was announced by the Computer Analysis & Programmers, a leading London software house, has been the only company to announce negotiations for membership.

# of Shellabear's property and plant Only if all goes well will Biwater spend its money.

The group added that in response to a desires expressed by the Italian Government" it has held preliminary discussions about reducing its more than 50 per cent equity interest in Italian-based supplier of nuclear reactor

Westinghouse pointed out

### Mid-Sussex deserves

Dealing are due to start on Vednesday in the new £50-paid Mid-Sussex Water Company 131

### Freight report

Tanker rates for large vessels trading out of the Gulf con-tinued their upward path during the first half of last week.

But as the weekend approached the amount of new inquiry and actual business being concluded fell away noticeably, probably because companies seeking tonnage for March loadings have now satisfied their services and fied their requirements and the pressure to take up firstquarter quotas are off. If this is the case, the lull

in trading may last into early April and probably longer. Rate levels could also slip back a levels Demand from both major and ndependent oil companies was sufficient in the charters arranged at the beginning of last week to push vice rates up to an average Worldscale 31, four points above the previous This achievem put down to the near-balance existing between demand and

Conditions also improved for smaller tankers in the 130,000/ 140,000-ton deadweight range, where a narrow balance between supply and demand was also being reported. As a result, rates firmed up to around Worldscale 42

While volume of Medi-

rerranean fixing remained about

the same, Caribbean chartering

showed signs of recovery, par-

tended to keep rates low lately,

Surplus tonnage has

but there were signs of an increase in trading. In the dry cargo market the hopes of China coming into this sector for tonnage to serve its recent grain purchase deal with Australia were dashed, temporarily at least. They are holding off making any moves until they have undertaken an assessment of their own posi-

Business appointments

Mr Alastair Robertson, actuar and deputy general manager of the Scottish Equitable Life Assur appointed director, field engineer-ing, Europe, of NCR.

Mr David Morton, managing director of Alcan Booth Industries

director of Alcan Booth Industries and assistant managing director of Alcan Aluminium (UK), has been made vice-president, corporate planning for Alcan Aluminium, Montreal.

Mr W. J. Wilkes has been made chairman of James Wilkes in succession to Mr J. Wilkes, who retires on March 31.

Mr A. J. Love, of Lankro Chemicals, has been elected chairman of the recently-formed Phenolic Foam Manufacturers' Association.

director.

Mr P. Roos has been named chairman of AMEY Life Assurance in succession to Mr J. P. Bol, who has retired, Joukheer P. J. F. an der Does de Willebois has joined the board.

Mr P. Richemberg has joined David Robinson | Mr C. A. Bielenberg has joined the board of Resource Evaluation as an executive director. He was



retiring as chairman of the Legal and General Assurance Society, and Viscount Calde-cote, who will succeed him.

previously managing director of Robert Fraser & Parmers, Mr M. J. Boniface becomes deputy managing director and Mr G. H. Cumner company secretary. Mr J. R. Cowen has been appointed a non-executive director, made vice-president of a new components group in Honeywell Inc control systems operations. He is succeeded as president and general

Mr Joe Chenoweth. Mr T. Holborn is to become marging director of Tobler Surhard from April 1. Mr R. Beglé (Swiss) and Mr G. E. Rey-mond (French) also join the board. Mr J. E. Manghardi (Swiss) has resigned.

(Swiss) has reagned.

Mr A. S. R. Davidson, has been appointed a joint general manager of Bank of Scotland in succession to Mr D. M. Cowan, who retires on May 15.

Mr G. J. R. Rainey will resign his directorships of Delta Enfield Cables (Holdings) and its subsidiaries on April 7, when he transfers to Delta Metal as financial controller. Mr R. H. Ludwick, Mr A. M. Morgan and Mr T. H. Neal will join the board of Delta Enfield Cables (Holdings). Mr H. A. Lee is named a director of Delta Enfield Cables. Mr James Sweeney has been hir James Sweeney has been made a director of E. F. Hutton

manager of Honeywell Europe by

(Lordon).
Mr James Flodlay has joined the board of English and Inter-

to become option dealers and will commence trading on 22nd March 1977.

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### -BUSINESS BOOKS-A star is born

#### The CBI by Wyn Grant and David Marsh

(Hodder & Stoughton, £3.95) Perhaps the single most in-teresting fact about this work, a study of the role of the Confederation of British Industry in the political system, is that it has been written by two academics, Dr Wyn Grant and Dr David Marsh, rather than

by a journalist or a professional

This in itself tells one something about the confederation. Academics are content to write about worthy subjects with monetary gain only a secondary motive. Professional writers, in contrast, tend to look far more closely at the popularity of their subject matter and its lirect relationship to their bank

The unions and the TUC have always managed to attract people from Grub Street to chronicle their doings. Not so.

The point is not frivolous, but tells one something important about the relative standings of the CBI and the TUC in the public consciousness. The unions can always draw au audience which is denied to the "industrialists' trade union".

ing this mattered little to the plays in the CBI's functioning CBI. It was the lobbies of it is worthy of note that Mr Whitehall and to a lesser extent John Methyen has gone on the corridors of Westminster In the first decade of its be-

Putting

trust in

anti-trust

During the final two years of the Ford Administration the American-based multinational

oil companies were faced with a congressional campaign to force them to sell off parts of

their worldwide investments that stretch from the explora-tion and production of crude

oil to the sale of petrol at the

If Congressmen had had their way componies like Exxon, Texaco and Guff would have

been permitted to operate in only one of the four broad cate-

gories-production, transporta-

Activities outside the sector

chosen by the company would have to be said. This first assault on the world's largest industrial grouping was beaten off bur oll company executives

expect the divestiture lobby to

renew its efforts over the next

Dr Blair, a former chief

economist to the United States

Senate sub-committee on Anti-Trust and Monopoly, has produced an effective bandbook for anyone wasting to embark

trying to dislodge the major oil companies from their dominant positions in the oil business.

His tengthy and closely argued volume traces, as a number of other books have

number of other books have done previously, the rise of the "Seven Sisters"—the soven largest oil companies in the world. But he tackles in more depth what he terms as "the evisceration" of independent oil producers in Libya and the "crippling" of independent petrol marketers—both of which posed a serious threat to the ordered world that the majors have built up.

De Plair is an advocate of

Dr Blair is an advocate of competition, but not the sort he sees in the oil industry. Oil

companies maintained prices, be sees, by ensuring that supply and demand were always fairly equally marched—cutring back

on Middle Eastern production

whenever oil from new sources threatened to produce a sur-plus with astendant selling of

According to Dr Blair it was the major oil companies that reduced the supply of oil from members of the Organisation of

Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) at the height of the industrial slump of 1974/75. Without this reduction the amount of distressed oil on the

amount to bring widespread price concessions and "probably the disintegration of the Opec

Regulation of the oil industry

by government is destined to fail he claims. Officials not only

become knowledgeable about

the companies' organization and

structure but also its problems and from this comes "under-

standing and not infrequently sympathy. A combination of expert knowledge and sympa-thetic understanding tends to

In contrast once an anti-

trust action is started the government agency and the

companies are adversaries. "Instead of mutual understand

ing the prevailing attitude is

one of antagonism. In such a climate influence and corruption do not thrive", he adds.

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which were the most important the made on first entering Tot-stamping grounds of John he made on first entering Tot-Davies, the first director hill Street was to appear on the general, and his successor, Jimmy Young programme where he had instant access to which were the most important, the most important decisions The permanent secretary's

room and the minister's lounge are still of prime importance to the CBI but since the cor-poraist approach to economic and industrial management be-gan in the Heath era, the deni-zens of Tothill Street have been catabulted into a role in which they have often seemed uneasy.

And that new role—an overtly political one—has added a new dimension to the paradox that has dogged the footsteps of the CBI leadership since its inception, which was how to appease its mem-bership at the same time as aiming its well boned darts of constructive criticism at the Government and the Civil Ser-

Brought into the centre of the decision making machinery by the tripartite approach, leaders of industry must now pay more ardent court to another important constituency —public opinion. On such matters as pay and price con-trol the confederation must carry with it not only businesses' backing but a measure of public approbation.

Lest any one underestimate how important a role this now

many millions of purse-string wielding ordinary people whose understanding of the confederation's arguments on matters like inflation and profits might be crucially impor-tant in getting those arguments

accepted around the tripartite table. A second edition of this book would be valuable. The present edition covers the con-federation from its beginnings in 1965 to the general election in 1974, with some updating to bring in the most important developments between 1974 and spring 1976. Its judgments on such recent matters as its tripartice approach are necessarily interim by nature.

A second edition would allow the authors to gauge the CBI's performance and contribution in the relatively new milieu in which it finds itself.

From standing quietly in the wings, the confederation has willy nilly been pushed centre stage. It will be some years before we are able to tell whether its presence there has been as a main player or simply as a foil for those more experienced troupers the politicians and the union

Malcolm Brown



A staircase of great splendour taken from The Halls of the Fishmongers' Company by Priscilla Metcalf (Phillimore £12), which traces the history of the Thames-side site occupied by the

### We're only here for the advertising

Advertising Inside Out by Philip Kleinman (W. H. Allen, £4.50)

The advertising industry tends to the austere seventies.

listed in 1960, for instance, only one, J. Walter Thompson, has ledged to be important in such survived the transition unsa close-kult business. In cathed. The others, London describing the decline of the famous KMP Parmership, for cathed. The others, London describing the occurre of famous KMP Partnership instance, Mr Kleinman Colman Prentis and Varley, instance, Mr Kleinman says and Mather and Crowther have and Mather and Crowther have either disappeared altogether or changed out of recognition

under new owners Today's "ad agency" managers keep as close a watch on profits as their predecessors did on their client's tastes in entertainment. The numbers they employ have shrunk from about 20,000 in the mid-sixties to about 13,300 now- Advertisement campaigns have changed, with sex, for example, giving way to less frivolous enhancements of the products adver-

Philip Kleinman, during his six-year term with the industry's trade press, including two years as editor of the now defunct Adweck, was at the heart of these changes.

He has spelt them out for the benefit of the layman in a narrative as gossipy as the industry it describes.

The text of Advertising Into be as susceptible to fashion side Out is refreshingly pepas are the advertisoments it pered with names and thumbproduces. Big changes have nail sketches of personalities taken place as the business has (which will delight readersmoved frm the swinging sixties who know the people concerned), as well as descriptions Of the five biggest agencies of the businesses they created. Personalities are acknow-

perhaps to a greater extent than the four founders rea-lized, on their own charm ubility and on the trust placed in them by clients.

"As all four withdrew from active participation in making ads into the misty realms of corporate administration, some of those same clients grew in-creasingly dissatisfied.".

Besides giving inside information about people, Kleinman lifts some of the veils in front of changes of agency by big advertising accounts like those of Guinness and Schweppes and look out why other accounts like Allied Breweries' "We're Only Here for the Beer", Double Diamond and Nescafe, changed agencies when they did.

### The rewards of hard labour

Dictionary of Labour Biography, Vol 3 Edited by Joyce Bellamy and John Saville (Macinillan £20).

Essays in Labour History 1918-1939, Vol 3 Edited by Asa Briggs

and John Saville (Croom Helin/Archon Books

Tory or Liberal politician of any consequence, and many who were not, live on in books by their or anothers' hands.

The Labour movement, on the other hand, has always been poorer in biography and autobiography the recent flood autobiography, the recent flood from Sir Harold Wilson, Mr Richard Crossman, Lady Falk-ender and Mr Joe Haines not-

withstanding.
There is Bullock on Beyin and Foot on Bevan. But Roy Jenkins is best known for his biographies of the Liberals Dilke and Asquith, although to be fair Dilke was a notable figure in the history of labour with a small "1".

with a small "1".

MacDonald, Labour's first and nearly its last prime minister has had to wait for 40 years since his death for a full-dress biography. Suowden, MacDonald's Chancellor, desuoyed his papers and Margaret Bondfield, his Minister of Labour and first woman Cabinet minister, lost hers.

minister, lost hers.
How valuable an enterprise, therefore, is the Dictionary of Labour Biography, and how apt that its worth should be recog-nized by publishing house Mac-millan, inhabited by a former Tory Prime Minister and a former Tory Secretary of State for Employment for Employment

Here are the foundation essays, the seeds perhaps of future biographies, of those like Margaret Bondfield (Vol 2) whose biography remains to be written, as well as those unsung foot soldiers whose biographies may never be written, ranging from a chartist weaver trans-ported for 14 years to the worthy of whom it is said: "He

was a JP for Durham City in later life and one of his main recreations was playing bowls. The "stars" of this edition are Thomas Smillie and Arthur Cook, respectively president and secretary of the Miners' Federation around 1926. Bury's bread

Lancashire's

Tradition has it that Bury is the birthplace of the black oudding, a dish that has been

known to inspire eixer total revuksion or a kind of glassy.

eyed reverence.

At all evens the black adding-or as it is more properly known locally, the Bury pudding

remains one of the few un-changing features of a Lanca-

shire town over the past couple of decades changed in almost

all other respects and, in indus-rial rerms, typifies the kind of upheaval that has taken place in parts of the north-west.

From a vantage point on the nearby M62—providing Bury and its near neighbours with a direct link to the national motorway network—the town s skyline is still dominated by a forest of mill chimneys. But akhough the huge red-brick mills of the nineteenth century still stand as monuments to

still stand as monuments to their age, few of them are now concerned with textiles. The rundown of the cotton

industry, involving the loss of more than 200,000 jobs in Lancashire, has hit Bury hard

and transformed its character and life-style if nor, as yet, its Lowry landscape. Bury's brend

and for that matter its pud-dings no longer hangs on Lancashire's thread.

But Bury has proved more resilient and more adaptable than some of its cotton town

neighbours and, remarkably in the circumstances, its current

unemployment rate of 4.6 per

cent, although marginally higher than it was a year ago, compares favourably with most of the region and is low against areas like Merseyside, where the jobless figure now stands at 10.6 per cent.

The town was fortunate in

having some well-established industrial roots outside of tax-

tiles, mostly in paper-making and engineering and it has been more successful than

some others in attracting new

some others in arracting new investment. At a rime when industrial closures have been dominating the news from other parts of the region—

Courtailds at Skelmersdale

and Plessey on Merseyside-

Bury has recently secured three

major projects.

But the biggest industrial boost for the town for many years came with the aurouncement that Chloride Lorival was

to invest £1m for setting up a new plant at the former Joseph Webb steelworks at

Bury Bridge.

It was followed by the news that the Scottish-based Low and Boner Group had decided

to locate the British headquar-

ters of its packaging division in the town. It will be centred

on the existing operations of the former Eibby and Baron group, taken over by Low and Booar last year, and extended

10.6 per cent.

more than

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Federation around 1926.

The best value, however, is the essay of Sean Hutton and Barbara Nield on the little-remembered Emily, Lady Dilke. She was a friend of George Eliot, is presumed to be the original of Dorothea in Middle-murch, was an art historian and the heroine of a Victorian sex-and-politics scandal and was a founder of the women's trade union movement. trade union movement.

Two items in Essays in Labour History lend interesting perspective to current—or perennial issues, unemploy-ment insurance and non-political or company trade unionism. Unemployment

insurance social security, the dole, call it what you will, is at the moment a favourite political football of that wing—or is it talon?—of Conservatism associated with Mr Ian Sproat

Half a century ago, as Alan Deacon demonstrates in his essay "Concession and Coer-cion, the Politics of Unemployment Insurance in the Twenties", the debate was as hot if not hotter between factions of the Labour Party than between Labour and the Tories or the Liberals.

It was disagreement on a pro-posal to cut benefit by a tenth that led to the resignation of the Labour cabinet in 1931 and the subsequent slaughter at the polls which brought the party to the brink of disintegration. A. R. Griffin's contribution,
"The Non-Political Trade Union Movement", traces the origins of that strange beast, neither fish nor fowl, which briefly flourished during the 1920s in the Nottinghamshire coalfield and in the National Union of

The movement sprang in part from the miners' jealousy of their coalfield's peculiar profitability. The seamen-Sir Harold Wilson's "tightly-knit group of politically motivated men" were prepared to trade indus-trial peace for the closed shop.

Ross Davies

### A future bright as diamonds?

The British Coalmining Industry: Retrospect and Prospect

by Dr A. R. Griffin (Moorland Publishing, £6)

Coal: Technology for Britain's future (Macmillan, £4.95)

The fortunes of coalmining are the reverse colo of the state of British industry. Government unions and the National Coal Board are committed to a longterm investment programme, the latest fruit of which is a 235m scheme to subsidize the price of Scottish coal to the South of Scotland Electricity Board, thus safeguarding 8,000

But in a new study of the in-dustry's performance by one of the Coal Board's own industrial relations officers, The British Coalmining Industry: Retro-spect and Prospect, Dr A. R. Griffin, suggests that without a significant improvement in pro-ductivity fairly soon, the 1974 Plan for Coal will "inevitably be endangered".

In one of the bleakest pre-dictions of the industry's future to come from within the NCB's managerial ranks, Dr Griffin argues: "On present trends, our deep-mined output in 1977-78 will fall below 100 million tons for the first time—disputes apart—since the 1860s."
Further, the stagostion in productivity coupled with increased costs arising from the

early retirement scheme start-ing in August will seriously weaken coal's competitive posi-tion. "Is the resurgence in the coalmining industry's fortunes since 1970 permanent, or will it be seen in the future to have been no more than a temporary amelioration of the long-term tendency to deckine?", he asks.

A predictably more rosy pic-ture is painted by Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the NCB, in his foreword to Coal: Tech-Patricia Tisdall nology for Britain's Future. He maintains that a good start has been made to Plan for Coal,

with investment going ahead on schedule and new coal reserves being found at a rate four times the present rate of exploitation.
"The prospects for British coal are bright", he iosists.

They can't both be right, and the latest productivity figures seem to support the Griffin theory (which is his own, and in no way represents the official view of the board). But while Dr Griffin is an industrial relations officer as well as an historian of the industry of considerable note, his otherwise up-to-date diagnosis omits some key developments in the atti-tude of the miners' leadership. The miners' enthusiasm for

wage restraint—never strong—has diminished more rapidly than that of any other group of workers; not surprisingly, for they had more to lose after struggling back to the top of the wages league in 1974. The moderate dominated executive of the NUM have accepted a phase two settlement, but have declined to be bound by the 12-month rule. Mr Gormley, the union's president, is seeking to negotiate a genuine produc-tivity deal giving substantially higher output and weges from August 1.

This ambition may prove difricult to reconcile with what-ever phase three of the TUC-Government incomes policy brings (always assuming it brings anything), and there will inevitably be opposition from the strong left group on the NUM executive against any return to the piecework mentality in the pits.

Perhaps understandably, neither book dwells on this issue, central though it is to the future of the industry. Dr Griffin's work is chiefly a capable, detailed and readable. history of the industry and those who work in it.

The second book, as its tirle suggests, examines the scientific and technical prospects for the industry, and has particularly rewarding chapters on the new Selby coalfield and its impact on a largely rural Yorkshire community. community.

An interesting sidelight is that Herbert Beerbohm, who

was elected to the Baltic in

amateur theatricals, secured a

Paul Routledge

### to become the central unit in a national network of 13 monu-Industry in the

panies. With an expected turn-over of more than £30m a year, this will make it Europe's biggest paper bag, plastic and car-

regions

ton packoging manufacturer.
The third major industriel expansion for Bury involves a decision by Smith Holdings to close its textile machinery plant at nearby Rochdale, and concentrate its operations on the extended factory of another member company, Robert Prit-chard and Sons, at Eury, doubling the labour force at the plant, as part of a £150,000 plant, as part investment programme. Bury's

Not surprisingly, Bury's industrial development officer. Mr David Gough, says he is potimistic about the future. But behind this optimism lis problems demanding longer-term solutions and they in turn need figance on a scole that is clearly ruled out by the current restrictions on local authority

spending.
Two elements have played at Important pair in keeping un-employment levels in Bury within reasonable bounds. One is that the pattern of working life has changed and a great many people now travel out of the town to work. To some extent Bury, like other forme. cotton towns, is becoming a dormitory within the Greater Manchester area.

The second element is the

use that has been made of former cotton mills which tend to be located in the central and inner urban areas of the town—in other words, the town grew up around the mills. It now has a total of more than 780.000 sq ft of anoccupied factory space-most of it in old cotton mills that are only partiv used.

It is a problem shared by most of the old coaton towns, and it is direct consequence of and it is direct consequence in the years they have spent grab-bing any sort of industrial activity which was to be had in order to provide as many new jobs as quickly as possible. Companies looking for cheap accommodation have been inclined to take over the ground floors of the old mills-leaving the rest of the building 1874, devoted his spare time to professional engagement in 1878 and took the stage name of Wallace Jackson leaving the rest of the building empty and derelict. Mostly they are highly unsuitable for modern manufacturing opera-

Bury would like to be rid of its industrial legacy. The best thing that could happen to the old untils is that they should be demolished and that industry should be re-located in the areas scheduled for new industrial days learners. trial development. But it will take time and a lot of money to achieve this. Meanwhile the mills and their tall chimneys

proliferate. R. W. Shakespeare

### From coffee house to shipping centre Even after a life of 375 years, 1810, becoming The Balic tion in 1857 of South Sea House is not a name such as The Coffee House. and the registration of The Bal-tic Company Ltd; and to the final establishment of the Baltic Exchange in St Mary Axe in 1903.

The Baltic Exchange, The History of a Unique Market by Hugh Barty-King (Hutchinson Benham £7.50) With a committee of the Par-

liamentary Group for World Government working hard to establish London as the world commodities centre, a book which sets out to initiate the outsider into the mysteries of "The Baltic" is particularly name from a coffee house which, in 1744, became known as the Virginia and Bakick, later dropping the "k" and, in

Stock Exchange, or Lloyd's, which is immediately recognized by those nor closely con-cerned, although there is a vague idea that the Baltic is "something to do with ships". It is, in fact, an important element in London's make-up as a world shipping and com-modity centre and takes its

Quick guide

Labour Law and Off-shore Oil

& Unwin, £6.50).

The coffee house was an open, public house with no members, only regulars with common interests in the Virginia trade across the Atlantic and the Bal-Mr Barty-King takes the story on through the development of

the coffee bouse in 1823 into a "subscription room", with rules and regulations; the destruction by f're of the Royal Exchange in 1838 and its replacement in 1844; the acquisi-

Branches and Subsidiaries in the European Common Market: legal and tax aspects (Kluwer-Harrap Handbooks, £11.50). King Labour: The British Working Class 1850-1914, by David Kynaston (George Allen

in the EEC and Switzerland by Dr D. C. Corner and D. C. Stafford (Macmillan, £15). by Jonathan Kitchen (Croom Helm, £14.95), Complete Guide to Swiss

Harding Boulton (Sweet & Maxwell, £6.50). New Encyclopaedia of Employment Law and Practice, edited by Frank Walton (Centurion Publications, £21.50).

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Tax Law and Practice by A. L. Chapman and Percy F. Hughes (Taxation Publishing Co, £9).

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The recovery in the Group profit has reversed the trend of the last two years and is especially important at a time of high inflation - the retention of adequate profits remains essential in building our capital base to keep it in line with the Group's needs.



We have substantial commitments by way of medium-term support for industry in addition to providing short-term working capital - and we have expanded our financing of the North Sea oil and gas industry taking the lead in several major loans.



Overall, our international business continues to show strong growth in both assets and profits and we are proud to be among the nation's leading invisible exporters.



The responsibility for recreating the climate necessary to encourage industry to invest for re-equipment and modernisation rests with the Government itself: given the appropriate climate, 1977 could set the stage for a dramatic and sustained recovery in the UK economic fortunes in which we are ready to play a full part.

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# **3 National Westminster Bank Group**

One dealer said: "We can't

talk of this as a bull market, however." He attributed the

better performance in part to unexpected steadiness in American short-term interest rates. This probably reflected mainly

a delay in the expected up-swing of the American economy

as a result of an exceptionally bacsh winter.

are moving ahead is reflected in

Monday's pricing of a European

Investment Bank three-tranche dollar-denominated issue. The

area was the Swiss franc sector,

seven-year tranche boosted to

\$75m from an original \$50m was

priced at 100.25 with an 8 per

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#### **Euromarkets**

Most sectors of the Eurobond market were buoyant over the past week as investors reacted avourably to a combination of good names on offer, more generous terms and stable shortterm interest rates for most saue currencies, reports AP-

About the only questionable area is the Swiss franc sector, where the World Bank was embarrassed by a 50 per cent cut in the size of its proposed 200m iranc issue (about 545m).

Guilder bonds came into demand on expectations of a Dutch discount rate cut, new deutsche mark bonds sold well in a generally good market. Canadian dollar bonds improved to the belook to the control of the co on a belief that the recent decline of the Canadian dollar on the foreign exchange market had about run its course and, in the United States dollartoine \$75m, cight years, rated
AA by Moody's, carrying an
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cent. Underwriting sources said
the issue was likely to sell out. denominated sector, prices rase teadily and generally held their gains as the week ended.

Particularly in the dollar sector, underwriters were en-thusiastic about investor re-sponse to new issues on offer. As expected, with signs of con-fidence returning, the calendar of new issues expanded, but by Friday there were no signs of indigestion developing.

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### Political risks force private capital Markets' boost to 'invisibles' was to shun Third World development | probably £200-£250m last year sponse at both the national and EEC level.". From the United Kingdom

Since 14 European mining companies (including the four United Kingdom mining finance houses) made a subunssion to the EEC Commission last year on the question of political risk-guarantees for investing vast capital sums in projects to secure adequate raw material supplies for Europe, little has been heard of their initiative. That does not men the mat-ter has been shelved or is even dead, but in the nature of bureaucratic bodies, discussion on the contents and suggestions of the document continues the document continues

ad nauseam. Since any action would involve the agreement of various governments it is hardly surprising there is much discussion the document itself was not drawn up without considerable debate among the signatories) for the differing attitudes and the practices of various governments (particularly by the Germen authorities) have to be subjugated to a common cause. But while the debtte gras on, it does not mean that the root of course that national priori-ties in the winning and secur-ing of lines of supply are totally neglected by sovereign governments: Mr Benn, in a fine, though no doubt personally embarrassion, display of putting the national laterest before Left wing dogma, recently restated the case for not proving against the 1-10 Tinta-Zinc uranium operations in Namibia.

The political risk factors have led to commercial groups shunning the possibilities in meny Third World countries and concentrating on safe areas such as the United States. This has led to a drastic downturn in development in the Third World, a phenomenou which

comment.

Lut while that is avoiding risk in one way, is it not perhaps storing up trouble for the foture? This question was posed by Mr Gerald Manners.

Reader in Geography at University Culled Loydon when versity College London, when

be delivered the Chester Beatty Lecture in London last week. Mr Manners argued that both from the corporate and national security viewpoints the widest possible geographical range of mineral supplies within ressonable economic limits was highly this desire for diversity that was becoming difficult to main-tain as the number of countries attracting risk capital had

### Mining

In 1972 Unctad reported that expansion plans of the iron ore industry in the non-communist world between 1969 and 1975 involved an additional capacity of over 150 million tons. Of this 86 per cent was to be found (in descending order)
Australia, Brazil and Canada

Mr Manners commented: The question arises, therefore, as to whether recent cor-porate decisions about future mineral supplies taken by and Western European interests aggregate into an acceptable degree of geographical diversity. If recent tendencies continue, a conflict could well arise between the desire for a geographical diversity of mineral supplies for security reasons, and the security reasons, and the equally strong preference for secure investments—a matter of weighing alternative risks.

or crea wider international level. The problem is that it is difficult enough to get a reasonable consensus at national level before one thinks of trying to get the EEC or even a wider group-ing to agree. Mr Manners, for example, charged that "insuf-ficient attention is being given,

at least in the public arena, to a cluster of non-fuel mineral

problems that urgently demand some form of government re-

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"It could demand deliberate political resolution at an EBC

and European standpoint, little has apparently been done. Mr Manners pointed out that the United States has a National Commission on Materials Policy. while the Canadian government had published Towards a Mineral Policy for Canada.

In another context, the Australians set up the Fox

Commission waich and its full findings are published will at least provide a major reference point as far as uranium is

Britain is in need of a minerals policy for it has less reserves of non-fuel minerals than the EEC as a whole. Britain has only small reserves of iron ore and even smaller reserves of tin, as Mr Manners put it. Rowever, while the govern-

ment has recognized the impor-tance of uranium wherever it may come from, it is not exactly doing all it could to help the domestic mining industry. For example, it has decreed that investment grants for the mining industry are not eligible after the end of this month, with the result that the Cornish tin the clock to complete their capital expenditure procapital grammes.
When I visited Consolidated

Gold Fields Wheal Jane tin mine, near Truro last week, the management was delighted that it had just finished the concenallow for the separation of copper and zinc, in time.

The rise in the tin price over the last year has transformed the publication of the price over the last year has transformed the publication of the price over the set over the price over the price of the price over the pr

the outlook of the mine. Wheal Jane is a high-cost producer the management is cox about giving a precise breakeven point but concedes that it would not like to see tin below £5,000.

With the LME price happily on the right side of £6,000, Wheal Jane is making a handsome profit, which makes a

Desmond Quigley transactions.

markets to United Kingdom iovisible earnings, undertaken by the Bank of England from June, 1974, to May, 1976, indicate that the popularly-quoted figure of £100m is wide of the mark.

The survey shows that for 1974-75 earnings from physical trade in three groups of commodities (foods, fibres and other industrial raw materials) after stock adjustment and the juflow from all futures transactions are each estimated at over £90m, providing a foral benefit to the United Kingdom of some £180m.

For 1975-76 figures indicare that total earnings were rather larger, probably within the range of £200m to £250m. It is pointed out in the Bank's Quarterly Bulletin that large fluctuations are to be expected: in particular, there might well be a net outflow from "differ-(gains and losses on ences " futures transactions) in some years. But a sizable net idcome may be expected regularly from physical trade and from commissions for the placing of

futures contracts. The Bank says that the survey concentrated mainly on the commodity market associations with which the Bank has close connexions through exchange

control The commodities covered cocoa, coffee, feedstuffs, grains, oils, seeds and fats, sugar; fibres including cotton, jute, sisal and wool; and other isdustrial raw materials (including copper, lead, silver, tin and zinc) account for the greatest part of United Kingdom firms turnover in, and earnings from, physical trade between foreign countries in all commodities and effectively for all futures

... Firms accounting for virtually contribution of the commodity the whole of the trade in question submitted returns relating to the year ended May, 1975. number—the "selected firms "-agreed to provide re-turns for a further period to give an indication of how earnings vary. Their figures for

June 1975-May 1976 make it possible to estimate the rauge rithin which total earnings for that year probably lay. Another recent survey suggests that stabilizing world copper prices would require an international buffer stock, or a combination of national stock-piles, totalling up to 2.5 mil-lion tonnes, rather than the 500,000 to 800,000 tonnes estimated by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The cost of financing would be just over \$4,000m at a support price of 75 cents per lb.

The study was commissioned by three United States government departments. surv and Commercemodities Research Unit as a basis of discussion and as a contribution to the expert re-search on which international discussions of commodity price stabilization are now taking place. It does not represent official United States Government policy or opinion.

The study examines the feasibility of nationally-held but internationally-coordinated stockpiles as a means of price stabilization such as a single international buffer stock of production and export controls.

A further rightening of the lead market in the next month or two, particularly if demand from the Middle East depletes European stocks further, is pre-dicted by Commodines Research

The monitor says that the Soviet Union, which last year bought about 10,000 tonnes of lead from the non-socialist world, which proved to be a major factor behind the shortprice to record levels, has no been buying this year chough

But demand for substantia tonnages has appeared the month from the Middle East which is likely to be mer by merchants our of stock in Europe. Although this demand has not yet had an impact of the market, it could be a power ful influence when its effect of already low stocks becomes evident, says CRU.

Shortage of metal stricks is another reason for expecting the market to become tighter, save the report. Producer stocks have been falling as consumption has risen. The result is that by the end of 1976 known stocks were lower in relation to consumption than they had been in 1972.

It would take many months of surplus production to raisc world stocks to a burdensome level says the report. "It is true that LME stocks have scarcely altered this year, but a good part of these are prob-ably committed as a result of forward business booked by merchants while some of them are not of the right quality or grade for many consumers." Saying that the scrap market is often cited as another factor

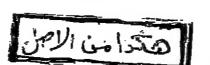
contributing to the shortage of lead, CRU adds that its inquiries suggest that the opposite is true. general sgreement that anti-monial and soft lead scrap has been plentiful for the past year, thanks to high sterling prices for lead.

"There is a belief in London that the scrap warket is much tighter elsewhere in Europe, but that since the start of this year the high lead price has brought out ample supplies of scrap. And in the US our reports also suggest that there is no shortage of scrap, although bad weather may have hindered its collection for a while."

> Wallace Jackson Commodities Editor

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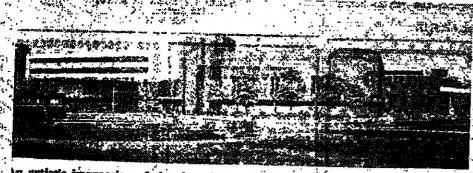
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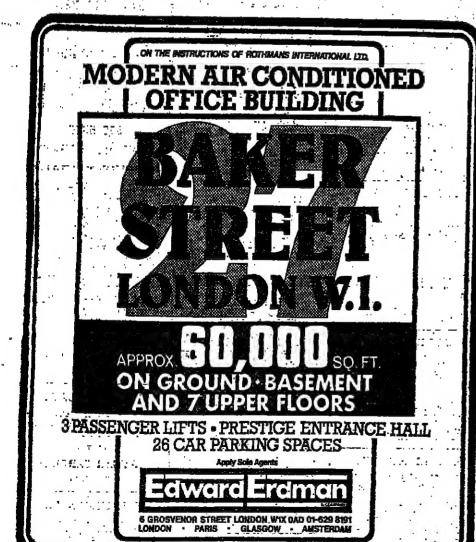
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